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Farewell Franz

Stoddart,
Young,
Bannon!



Franz Beckenbauer

England here, 'Roos in form

England will tour here in 1983 and the Soccerroos continue their march toward the final of the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

England F.A. secretary, Ted Croker, announced late last week that England would play a series of three full internationals against Australia between May 29 and June 5 next year.

Bobby Robson, recently appointed manager of England, welcomed the tour.

"The last World Cup has shown that the gap between the traditionally strong soccer nations and the rest of the world is now closing very rapidly. It is essential for England to gain experience against countries such as Australia who, I have no doubt, will be featuring in the major soccer tournaments of the future — particularly the World Cup in 1986," he said.

Robson will be sending a squad of players who are under consideration for the 1984 European Nations championships to be held in France, seasoned with more experienced international

ASF president Sir Arthur George announced that a reciprocal tour by the Soccerroos will be undertaken prior to the 1986 World Cup.

Meanwhile, the Soccerroos stayed on course for a berth in the final of the Merlion Cup, to be played this Sunday, 17 October.

The seven nation tournament features Australia, South Korea, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, Indonesia and host Singapore.

South Korea and Malaysia have qualified for the semi-finals from Group A. Australia already has qualified from Group B by trouncing Thailand 4-0 with goals from John Kosmina (2), Phil O'Connor and Gary Cole. Indonesia or Thailand will join Australia as the second semi-finalist from Group B.

Final Group A standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	3	3	0	0	2	8	6
Malaysia	3	2	0	1	3	4	4
Singapore	3	1	0	2	3	2	2

TOUGH INITIATION FOR MILA, ILIOSKI

By PAUL MOON and LAURIE SCHWAB

Thousands of fans will farewell Franz Beckenbauer at Olympic Park on Sunday. Seeing "The Kaiser" bow out will be an emotional experience for most, but nerve-wracking for some, especially Zoran Ilioski and Stefan Mila.

Beckenbauer is certain to play in midfield for the New York Cosmos against Victoria. If he plays on the side he's likely to oppose Ilioski. In the middle he'll clash with Mila.

So the two Victorians couldn't have picked a better game in which to make their State debut.

Everyone in the stadium will be watching Beckenbauer who is on his farewell tour before finally hanging up his boots. If Ilioski or Mila happens to outplay the Great One, they will be able to live for years on the reputation gained in one match.

Ilioski's elevation to the State team is overdue. The next step for the Footscray J.U.S.T. captain must be up the national team.

Mila, the sensation of Polonia this season, is no stranger to international soccer. He played 12 games for the Polish Olympic team while with Gwardia Warsaw before coming to Australia.

Only two players remain from the Victorian team that lost 2-3 to the Cosmos on their last visit in late 1979 — John Gardiner who will play sweeper and Carl Glider who may partner Paul Lewis in attack.

On that visit, Cosmos lost 1-2 to Australia in front of a 50,000 crowd in Sydney and beat Adelaide City 2-0 in Adelaide.

Beckenbauer played also on that tour.

In the game against Australia, and then national coach Rudi Gutendorf instructed Queenslander Steve Perry to mark Beckenbauer, who started the game in midfield.

Perry stuck to his task, following Beckenbauer everywhere.

Beckenbauer got so sick of it that he went and played sweeper. Perry kept following him, and ended up playing centre forward for the rest of the match!

Cosmos, like most visiting teams, have disappointed the local fans by not bringing along former Brazilian captain Carlos Alberto, former Yugoslav international Ivan Buljan and Dutch star Wim Rijsebergen.

Beckenbauer's presence however is all that's

5th title

A single goal by Giorgio Chinaglia was sufficient to secure Cosmos the 1982 Soccer Bowl Championship in San Diego.

Chinaglia's effort sank Seattle Sounders and enabled the New Yorkers to capture their fifth title in the past 11 years.

No other club can claim more than one championship success.

Cosmos dominated the North American season and throughout appeared to be in a different class to the rest of the NASL.

needed to guarantee a crowd of at least 15,000.

Most experts would name Johan Cruyff as the greatest individual player of the 1970s but there can be little doubt that Beckenbauer was the most influential for it was he who revolutionised the role of sweeper or libero, now an integral facet of the modern game.

Franz Anton Beckenbauer was born in Munich on September 11, 1945. Ironically he first created an impression as a centre forward, scoring 100 goals

in one season of schoolboy football.

His major ambition was to play for TSV Munich 1860, the city's most popular club, and actually turned out for its schoolboys team. However all injury sustained in a youth match against a TSV selection caused him to switch allegiance to arch rival Bayern.

Unfashionable Bayern therefore obtained the 17-year-old's much-sought-after signature.

At that time West Germany did not have a national league, only several regional competitions. The Bavarian one rated among the weakest.

Even performing in this backwater, Beckenbauer earned attention beyond his own region and added three youth international caps to those already won at schoolboy level.

Bayern's failure to qualify for the inaugural Bundesliga championship of 1963 was an early, rare, disappointment, but the bandwagons of both Bayern and Beckenbauer were gaining momentum.

The club won a place in West German domestic soccer's showcase in 1965 and the rising star won selection for his country's senior international team and played magnificently

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Vince Bannon (Juventus), John Stoddart (Riverwood) and Eric Young (Juventus-Pioneer) won Rothmans Medals in three States last week.

Bannon is pictured being congratulated on

his win in Victoria, by the Premier, John Cain. At top right is Stoddart who won in NSW and at bottom right is Young, the Tasmanian winner. More on pages 6, 12 and 13.



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Adelaide City chases Bojczuk, Blair, Cole

Adelaide City's pathetic demise this season clearly illustrated that not even the most stylish teams are immune from relegation.

City, if you remember, set the PSL ablaze in the first season with a series of scintillating performances including a 4-0 rout of Marconi. It finished fourth that season and after it plunged to 10th spot the following year, City finished just outside the top four in 1979, 80 and 81. But it completely ruined its record with this miserable season which just has ended.

The club survived relegation on the strength of its goal difference. There was jubilation after avoiding the drop however the club faces another testing season in 1983.

The club's problems already have begun with the loss of two key players.

Midfielder Gary Marocchi, who would be the first to admit his form has been "down" for the past couple of seasons, is returning to Perth while the 1981 PSL Player of the Year,

Bobby Russell, has his sights set on Sydney.

City will be forced to turn to the transfer market to replenish the team which badly is in need of fresh blood.

City's fringe players like Luci Signore, Peter Rankin and Chris Miller have not developed enough to enable them to hold down positions in the PSL.

And big Chris Manou also has been something of a disappointment, though he showed occasional moments of brilliance.

But there is some light on the horizon.

Charley Villani's late season form has been quite outstanding and it seems that he finally will realise his enormous potential.

Villani, if he puts his mind to it, is Socceroo material but 1983 will be a make or break year for him.

A delightfully skillful player, he can be as brilliant as Peter Katholos but will then "vanish" for weeks.

But Villani does have good timing.

His two brilliant goals in the final minutes of the last match of the season against Heidelberg saved the club from relegation.

Another player who should figure prominently is young Paul Shilabeer, a defender, who came into the team for occasional appearances late in the season and impressed many observers with his efficiency and high work rate. He definitely is a player to watch.

City already has made it clear it will raid the transfer market to bolster the side for next year.

City currently is negotiating for the transfers of Wally Bojczuk, Stewart Blair and Phil Cole (Azzurri), but West Adelaide



Meno Tousidis

also is attempting to sign this trio.

City also is interested in Sydney City pair Nello Borges and Mark Trentle.

The securing of these five players could just about end City's problems but, like most PSL clubs, it is in financial straits and its budget could not accommodate mass signings.

But where did City go wrong in 1982?

Many cynics have blamed deposed coach Bob D'Ottavio for the club's demise but it would be unfair to heap all the blame on him.

D'Ottavio's biggest problem in the nine games he controlled the team this year was that he could not motivate his men.

It was no surprise when, after City collected only five points in the first nine matches, D'Ottavio left the club.

He left behind him a trail of allegations about people obstructing him during his stint with the club.

John Perin, the man D'Ottavio dropped because of lack of match fitness, took over, and although his team lost to Preston Macedonia in his first match, he collected five points in the following three games.

Perin had every reason to be proud of this because he had inherited a team drained of confidence and sadly underprepared for the rigors of a tough PSL season.

However, despite this fine start under Perin's guidance, City could not perform consistently.

It failed to win vital games at home, although the club remains unbeaten at Olympic Sports Field since Perin took over.

Part of the problem was the loss of the star forward David Mitchell who joined Sydney City after the ninth round.

When Mitchell clicked, and that was often, City looked unbeatable.

That was perfectly illustrated against St George in the sixth round when he single handedly tore it apart, scoring two brilliant goals in a 3-0 win.

Mitchell could inspire players around him and also take the pressure off his striking partners.

While the \$30,000 City received for his transfer eased the pain of his loss, the club would have gladly handed the money back late in the season when its strikers were incapable of scoring.

But it was not only in attack where City had a problem.

Its midfield often was ineffective and the source of attacking inspiration often was left to the brilliant sweeper Nello Bandfield who, in one particular match against West Adelaide, almost beat every opponent in a bid to win a scintillating solo run.

Bandfield commanded his defence magnificently and it is important to note that but for two big losses to Sydney City and APIA Leichhardt within a week, Adelaide City could have boasted the second best defensive record behind league champion Sydney City.

But what of new coach Perin?

Perin, of course, did not have an easy task and he himself probably would be the first to admit it was a mistake to take over a sinking ship particularly in his first year of coaching.

But, despite the setbacks, Perin must have thought on several occasions that his team finally had turned the corner.

A classic example was when the club drew with St George then beat Olympic 3-1 within the space of a week and both matches were in Sydney.

But, instead of going on with the job, the side crumbled and did not win again for eight matches until the season's finale against Heidelberg.

What frustrated Perin was that it drew four matches in between and most of those games could have been won but for a lack of striking power.

Perin will share the coaching responsibilities with goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson.

It remains to be seen whether this tandem will return the club to those heady days of Rale Rasic.

And it will be interesting to see if Ferguson quits as a player and concentrates on coaching.

If he does, he could be a lone figure on the bench because there is a strong chance Perin will return to the field.

Adelaide City's 1982 results:

February 14: v Brisbane City (A) 1-1 (J. Nyakohua); 21: v Footscray (H) 0-0; 23: v Canberra City (A) 1-3 (J. Nyakohua).
March 7: v Newcastle (H) 2-2 (J. Nyakohua, Northcote); 13: v Heidelberg (A) 1-2 (Northcote); 21: v St George (H) 3-0 (Mitchell 2, Malt); 28: v Sydney Olympic (H) 2-3 (Mitchell, J. Nyakohua).
April 4: v Marconi (A) 0-1; 11: v Brisbane Lions (H) 0-2; 18: v Preston (A) 1-2 (J. Nyakohua); 25: v Wollongong (H) 3-1 (Malt, Villani, Northcote).
May 2: v 8th Melbourne (A) 3-0 (J. Nyakohua, Villani); 9: v Sydney City (H) 0-0; 16: v West Adelaide (A) 1-2 (J. Nyakohua); 23: v Leichhardt (H) 1-1 (Malt); 30: v Footscray (A) 2-2 (Russell, Malt).
June 8: v Brisbane City (H) 2-0 (Russell, Flounders); 12: v Newcastle (A) 0-2; 19: v Canberra (H) 1-1 (J. Nyakohua); 25: v St George (A) 2-2 (Duarte o.s., Malt).
July 4: v Olympic (A) 3-1 (Villani 2, Malt); 11: v Marconi (H) 0-0; 18: v Brisbane Lions (A) 0-2; 25: v Preston (H) 0-0.
August 1: v Wollongong (A) 1-2 (B. Nyakohua); 8: v 8th Melbourne (A) 1-1 (Malt); 15: v Sydney City (A) 1-6 (Carter); 22: v West Adelaide (H) 0-0; 29: v Leichhardt (A) 1-4 (Carter).
September 5: v Heidelberg (H) 3-2 (Villani 2, J. Nyakohua).
SCORERS:
10 - J. Nyakohua
6 - Villani
3 - Malt
2 - Northcote, Mitchell, Russell, Manou, Carter, 1 - B. Nyakohua, Flounders.
Own goals - Duarte (St George).

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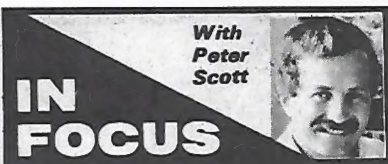
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Where have all the Didis gone?

The season's over, the last ball has been kicked in anger, or otherwise, and it is now the unenviable job of scribes to sum up the action of the past months.

Was the 1982 soccer season a "plus" or a "minus" for the sport? Have we progressed or gone backwards? What promise does 1983 and beyond hold for us?

The job is not an easy one, as the slightest trace of criticism, constructive or otherwise, elicits disdainful and even contemptuous reactions from officialdom.

Praise, on the other hand — and there are things which are worth praising — is accepted as just due, without any reflection on the fact that there is so little of it about.

So, let's try and strike a positive note, first of all.

The development of promising young talent, especially in the Phillips League, is the highlight of the 1982 season.

From among the many "young lions" who have burst into prominence, I would single out Jim Patkas of Sydney City.

A star in the making if ever I have seen one, adding toughness to his previous trials of skill and fitness.

He is bound to develop into one of Australian soccer's outstanding players.

I would worry about the effect that all the praise heaped upon him by the media and others is likely to have, if he was playing with a different club.

In Eddie Thomson's camp, however, there seems to be an understanding and knowledge of the best ways of keeping young stars' feet firmly planted on the ground.

Maybe it's the knowledge that even a momentary lapse in can result in one's instant replacement in the starting line-up by one of several highly talented "reserves".

On the minus side, it is a crying shame that many of the loudly praised players in the young Socceroo side which did so well in the World Youth Cup have sunk back into grey obscurity.

Another magnificent promotional opportunity gone to complete waste.

Many of the players in our top competitions have a good helping of God given talent. Most of them are fit footballing specimens, but precious few are in the category of entertaining personalities.

If there was a Personality of the Year Award, we would be scratching to find nominees, not to mention a winner.

As our much revered elder statesman of Australian soccer coaching, Uncle Joe Vlastis, confided in me last weekend:

"Today's players, here and overseas, are fitter and faster than those of the golden fifties."

"This, unfortunately, does not mean that the football served up to spectators is better."

How very true.

Local and overseas trends are developing footballing athletes, if you like, with much of the dazzling artistry which made the sport the world's top spectator entertainment, sadly missing.

Whereas the Didis, Garrinchas, Kopsas, Puskases and Di Stefanos used to pull in the crowds by dint of sheer artistry, nowadays stadia are filled by means of chauvinism and club fanaticism.

In Australia, where neither of those two rather unsavoury traits is in much evidence, the crowds are falling away.

There is a glimmer of hope on the horizon.

That hope of the World Cup was personified by Brazil, France and the likes of Cameroon and Algeria, as well as the Italians in the latter rounds.

Free flowing artistry is starting to make a comeback.

Whether it will regain pre-eminence is a vital question, more so in Australia than in major soccer nations.

Sydney City must be the team of the year, even though two lapses of concentration meant that it missed out on Phillips Cup and Top Four honours.

As for the Phillips Cup, well, hum, you care?

It is meaningless farce of a contest, always was and looks like it always will remain so.

The Top Four is a different matter altogether.

Without taking anything away from St George Budapest, who looked the winner all the way in the Grand Final, even allowing for the dubious refereeing decisions in its favour, one must question once again the reason for this tournament/competition/cup series (strike out whichever doesn't grab your fancy).

It is an on and off affair, one year it is held because its the "Aussie tradition", the next it's wiped because it is not a "soccer tradition".

My humble opinion is that before any competition is initiated its purpose must be clearly defined.

In its present format the Top Four tournament serves only to take the gloss off the winner of the championship, the first team past the post in the home and away season.

So much for a brief summary of the season just ended. Next week I will try to come to grips with the problems which seem to constantly beset the promotion and development of the nation's premier soccer competition.

West Ad. returns to State League

West Adelaide is returning to the SA State League!

No, it is not withdrawing from the national league. The club has won promotion to State League after winning the Second Division championship.

West finished three points ahead of Adelaide City and five points in front of Salisbury.

The club's main danger for most of the season came from Salisbury which, until three weeks before the end of the season, only was a point behind.

But it suffered a shock 2-1 loss to Cumberland and then West, reinforced by some PSL regulars, thrashed it 4-0.

The hero of the team was striker Manecas who was dropped into the Second Division several weeks into the PSL season and ended up scoring 20 goals.

West's success makes up for last year's disappointment when it missed out on promotion along with Adelaide City on goal difference.

West Torrens Birkalla, West and City each finished on the same number of points.

West last played in State League in 1976 when it won the championship.

The following season West and Adelaide City withdrew to join the PSL.

The two clubs did not field SA Federation teams until 1978 when City won promotion to Second Division after winning the Metro League championship. West finished second, but clinched the championship the following year and moved into Second Division.

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Franz Beckenbauer presents the Weinstein Medal for Victoria's best junior player to Greg McLeod of Box Hill during Cosmos' 1979 tour.

TOUR DETAILS

VICTORIA 2 (Cumming 48th, Rooney 73rd)
NEW YORK COSMOS 3 (Neeskens 60th and 85th, Chinaglia 21st) at Olympic Park, crowd about 28,000.

Referee: Laurie Schwab:
VICTORIA: Banovic 9 — Short 6, Kokocic 8, Venzendorf 7, Tansley 8 — Gardiner 6, Pielone 6 (Tronari, 82nd), Rooney 9 — Cole 8, Gilder 7 (Paton 88th), Cumming 8.
COSMOS: Birkenmeier 6 — Eskandarian 8, Carlos Alberto 8, Nelsi Morais 9, Formoso 8, Injured (Ryan 8, 49th), — Neeskens 8, Beckenbauer 9, Bogicevic 6 (Carbognani 79th) — Tusaert 8, Chinaglia 6, Seninho 9 (Etherington 83rd).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.
Corners: Victoria 3 Cosmos 6.
Offside: Victoria 3 Cosmos 2.

ADELAIDE CITY 0 NEW YORK COSMOS 2 (Tusaert 17th, Chinaglia 72nd) at Olympic Sports Field, crowd about 23,500.
Ratings: Frank Pangallo.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7 — B. Nyskohus 7, Russell 9, Beal 7, Dodd 7 — Perin 6, Muniz 7, Marocchi 6, (Matta 76th) — Kent

6 (Northcott 7, half time), Deane 6, J. Nyskohus 7.
NEW YORK COSMOS: Birkenmeier 8 — Eskandarian 8, Nelsi Morais 8, Carlos Alberto 7, Formoso 7 — Beckenbauer 9, Neeskens 8, Bogicevic 6 (Etherington 74th) — Tusaert 7, Chinaglia 6, Seninho 7.

Referee: Don Campbell 9.
AUSTRALIAN XI 2 (Rooney 20th, Henderson 84th) **NEW YORK COSMOS 1** (Chinaglia 75th) at Sydney Showgrounds, crowd about 50,000. **Ratings:**

AUSTRALIAN XI: Woodhouse 8 — Mullen 7 (Russell 7, 51st), Praskalo 7, Henderson 9, Tansley 9, Boden 7 (Krnecic 83rd), Perry 7 (Pielone 88th), Rooney 9 — Cumming 7, Janakovic 8, Nyskohus 7.

NEW YORK COSMOS: Birkenmeier 7 — Ryan 7, Nelsi Morais 8, Carlos Alberto 7, Eskandarian 7 — Beckenbauer 8, Bogicevic 8, Carbognani 8 — Etherington 7 (Formoso 85th), Chinaglia 7, Seninho 9.
Referee: Tony Boskovic 8.
Cautions: Carbognani (C), Eskandarian (C).

\$4 million Cosmos contract, \$550,000 at Hamburg

From page one
during a crucial World Cup qualifying win in Stockholm.
The 1965-66 campaign was a momentous one as Bayern made its Bundesliga debut and finished a highly creditable third. It also won the West German Cup.

At the end of this highly successful domestic season, Beckenbauer faced his first major international challenge — the World Cup.

He capped a brilliant opening display against Switzerland with an exhilarating solo goal.

Operating in midfield, the young Bavarian was a revelation with his probing passes and forceful runs.

West Germany swept all before it on the way to meeting host England in the final.

The clash between Beckenbauer and Bobby Charlton in the centre of the park was expected to be the game's deciding factor. Instead the two superstars effectively cancelled each other out and it was the youthful, comparatively untried Alan Ball who tipped midfield superiority towards England.

Despite the loss, Beckenbauer could reflect satisfactorily upon the fact that he had established himself on the international football stage.

He gained the 1968 West German Footballer of the Year award in recognition of his performances in the Mundial. This award was to adorn his mantelpiece for four of the next 10 years.

Bayern marked its entry into European competition by reaching the final of the Cup Winners' Cup, where it opposed Glasgow Rangers. With the game being played in Nuremberg the West Germans naturally were favorites.

Astonishingly, it was Rangers who took the game by the scruff of the neck, only to find sweeper Beckenbauer, in immaculate form, able to stem the tide before Franz Roth claimed an extra-time winner.

During this period of his career Beckenbauer was playing dual roles — sweeper for Bayern and midfielder for West Germany. In each he was supremely accomplished; his cool, almost arrogant, style earning him the nickname "Der Kaiser".

By the time the 1970 World Cup finals came around, he was acknowledged as one of football's great craftsmen. That status was enhanced in Mexico.

A Beckenbauer goal sparked the revival which enabled Germany to overcome a two-goal deficit to beat England in the quarter-finals.

During an epic semi-final against Italy, he dislocated his shoulder and played on with his arm in a sling.

The injury ruled him out of the play-off for third place, yet nobody deserved the bronze medal gained after Uruguay had been beaten 1-0 more than he.

That West German combination formed the backbone of the outstanding team which contested the 1972 European Championship.

One of the reinforcements, Gunter Netzer, orchestrated midfield, allowing Beckenbauer the freedom to display the libero's art at its best.

Lurking deep, he would move forward at will to add his weight in midfield or become an extra forward, yet always had the pace to recover without ever appearing to be in any haste.

The Germans dominated that championship and their 3-0 victory over the USSR in the final merely confirmed the obvious.

On the European club scene, Bayern had to concede superiority to the Cruyff-inspired Ajax. The Dutchmen's 5-2 victory over Bayern in the 1972-73 European Cup emphasised who were the continent's kings.

When Cruyff moved to Barcelona though, the Adidas-backed club was widely tipped as Ajax's logical successor. So it was to be.

It wasn't easy though. Bayern grabbed an equaliser only in the last minute of the final against Athletic Madrid but made no mistake in the replay, winning by an emphatic 4-0.

There was little time to celebrate, for less than a month later the World Cup Finals started and Beckenbauer-captain of club and country was one of seven Munich players in the squad of West Germany's favorite to capture the trophy on its own turf.

Despite some brilliant football by Holland, it was Beckenbauer who held the famous gold statuette aloft in the Munich Olympic Stadium on July 7, 1974 — the ultimate moment of any footballer's career.

Further honors were to follow with almost ridiculous

frequency. Bayern completed a hat-trick of European Cup triumphs and added the World Cup to its trophy room when beating Brazil's Cruzeiro in 1976.

During the same year Beckenbauer received his second European Footballer of the Year award (the first was in 1972). It is a tribute to his remarkable consistency that between 1964 and 1976 he only twice finished outside the poll's top five.

The one blight on an otherwise unblemished run of success was Germany's defeat by Czechoslovakia in the final of the 1976 European Championship — this in Der Kaiser's 100th international!

It appeared inevitable that Beckenbauer would break Bobby Moore's world record of 108 international appearances when he was seasonally transferred to Cosmos in April, 1977.

Problems with the taxman, plus a series of allegations in the German gutter press about the private lives of Beckenbauer and his wife contrived to convince him that a spell overseas would be desirable, particularly as the New Yorkers offered a contract believed to be worth four million dollars!

Unfortunately the transfer was not completed without trauma. Representing Bayern during negotiations was the club's general manager Robert Schwan, who also was Beckenbauer's business agent.

Upon hearing that Schwan had agreed to a \$1,400,000 fee, Munich president Wilhelm Neudecker immediately dismissed him.

It was a sad way for Beckenbauer to end an association with a club he had served with great distinction for 15 years.

being in a city where he was not instantly recognised and idolised helped him mature as a person.

After four years though Beckenbauer decided the time was ripe to return to West Germany, joining Hamburg SV which was managed by his old friend Netzer.

Hamburg's sponsors BP and Adidas guaranteed \$550,000 in wages and bonuses a year. They must have felt their investment worthwhile as the reliable veteran provided the foundation for Hamburg's Bundesliga title.

Alas, IFK Gothenburg thwarted him from gaining the one honor that has remained elusive — a UEFA Cup winners' medal. He was however happy to make the 1981-82 season his swansong.

The West German federation acknowledged appreciation for services rendered by arranging a benefit game that is reputed to have netted the former national captain \$200,000.

Further financial rewards will follow as Beckenbauer takes his bow to the companying the Cosmos.

Few would begrudge them to one of the game's living legends, who will start a new career as sports journalist on his return home.

COSMOS ALL DECADE TEAM (1971-80)

Goalkeeper: Hubert Birkenmeier
Defender: Carlos Alberto
Barry Mahy
Wim Rijbergen
Werner Roth
Midfielders: Franz Beckenbauer
Vladislav Bogicevic
Terry Garbutt
Forwards: Giorgio Chinaglia
Randy Horton
Pele

By
PAUL
MOON

Will Zico be the new Cosmos megastar?

All but one of the world's great soccer clubs achieved their status only after many decades in which folklore linked the team with its supporters.

Juventus, Manchester United, Real Madrid, Flamengo, River Plate and their elite ilk have been the source of joy, sorrow and all emotions in between, not only for their supporters, but also the fathers of their supporters and the grandfathers of their supporters.

Remarkably then, Cosmos have gained their standing in world soccer within 11 short years.

The Cosmos were formed on shaky foundations. During the first two years of the North American Soccer League's existence (1967 and 1968), New York was represented by the New York Generals.

The Generals did little of note and are remembered today primarily for giving Cesar Luis Menotti a stage upon which to complete his playing career.

After Generals sounded their last post, North America's largest city was not included in the NASL for two seasons.

This anomaly ended with the formation of the Cosmos who became champions in only their second year. That success however was due more to the low overall standard of the league rather than Cosmos' brilliance.

Attendances were low, a fact that surprised NASL offi-

cials as they recalled large crowds for games in the annual international invitational tournament, dominated by Dukla Prague, which was part of the New York sporting calendar in the mid sixties.

A 44,000 crowd had watched Santos meet Internazionale Milan in a 1966 exhibition game.

New York crowds were eager to watch teams and players of genuine quality had Cosmos provided neither; consequently few fans bothered journeying to their antiquated and isolated Downing Stadium.

The "Big Apple", with its vast population, obviously had potential as a soccer centre. If some organisation was willing to supply the vast amounts of money required to recruit players capable of capturing New Yorkers' imagination.

That organisation was to be the Warner Brothers Communications empire, which bought control of the Cosmos in 1975.

If a big name was needed

why not the biggest name of them all?

Thus Pele was lured out of a seven-month long retirement by \$7,200,000, a private plane and a yacht.

Americans, who could not distinguish between a goalkeeper and linesman, knew all about Pele and the freeways to Little Downing Stadium became blocked on every match night.

The "Black Pearl" did not disappoint his new devotees. Despite being 36 years-old, he displayed all the electric artistry that has earned him the title of the greatest of them all.

Pele and Franz Beckenbauer, who joined in 1977, gave the Cosmos and the NASL credibility in the soccer world. No longer were they regarded as a bunch of has-beens and naive novices, just out of college, playing a deviant brand of soccer better suited to a circus top than football stadium.

Since that time Cosmos fans have become accustomed to seeing stars before their eyes as a succession of ultra-talented individuals joined the New York club's playing staff, or as the Americans prefer to call it — roster.

Carlos Alberto, Giuseppe Wilson, Vladislav Bogicevic, Dennis Tusaert, Francisco Marinho, Giorgio Chinaglia, Francois Van der Elst, Roberto Cabanas, Julio Cesar Romero, Johan Neeskens, Wim Rijbergen and Ivan Buljan all have graced the Cosmos' uniform in recent years.

Now domiciled in the glorious Giants Stadium in New Jersey, Cosmos still regularly draw 70,000 plus crowds, even though the euphoria of the Pele-Beckenbauer days has subsided a little.

Perhaps the time is ripe for the introduction of a new megastar. Rumors persist that he will be Zico.

For the past six years Cosmos have dominated the NASL. Only the complex play-off system has restricted them to four Soccer Bowl triumphs in that period.

Prof. Mazzei — Cosmos coach

Professor Julio Mazzei, who has served the Cosmos in a variety of positions since accompanying the great Pele to the U.S. in 1975, accepted the position of Head Coach of the club on an interim basis at a crowded press conference in 1981.

On June 12, 1979, Professor Mazzei was named Technical Director of the Cosmos, replacing Head Coach Eddie Firmani. He guided the club through the remainder of a 1979 season that saw the Cosmos establish an all-time N.A.S.L. record for standings points (21), before losing out in a shoot-out of a 33-hour playoff marathon to Vancouver in the Conference Final. Mazzei took the team on a successful world tour, and then, after Hennes Weisweiler was hired in January, 1980, continued on through training camp and the season's first five games until Weisweiler arrived in early May. During Mazzei's tenure, the Cosmos posted an overall record of 32-15-5, including an 11-7-5 mark in international games and a 21-8 mark in N.A.S.L. play.

Pele's long-time friend and advisor, Professor Mazzei has been involved in professional soccer for 20 years as a coach, lecturer, and physical education specialist. He came to the United States with Pele in 1975 when the now-retired star joined the Cosmos. Professor Mazzei broke into pro soccer in 1982 with the Palmeiras Club of Sao Paulo. In 1985 he moved to the famed Santos Club of Brazil, where he began his association with Pele. The Professor, who also worked with the Brazilian National Team, and Pele have conducted soccer clinics for coaches and children in 84 countries.

The author of nine books on physical education, Professor Mazzei has also consulted on several instructional soccer films. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Sao Paulo and his Masters Degree from Michigan State.

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Chinaglia Cosmos

senior player and top scorer

Giorgio Chinaglia, No. 9

Forward
6'11" 180 lbs. 1/24/47
NASL yr: 8 Cosmos yr: 8

Won NASL's Most Valuable Player Award, in 1981, the only achievement that had escaped him in his NASL career. • Captured fourth league scoring title in six-year NASL career with 29 goals and a career-high 16 assists for 74 points. • Scored 300th goal in a Cosmos uniform (including internationals) on 6/21/81 against Los Angeles. • Scored 600th overall career goal on 7/29/81 against Portland.

• One of the greatest goal-scorers in the history of the sport. • Signed with the Cosmos in May of 1976 from Lazio of Italy. • Holds every possible league goal-scoring record, for a game, for a season, and for a career. • Set tone with two goals in his opening game and went on to win first league scoring title with 19 goals and 40 points. • Had five goals and two assists against Miami 8/10/76 to set NASL regular-season single-game record of 12 points. • Exploded for a then-record nine goals in Cosmos six-game sweep of 1977 playoffs, including memorable game-winning header in 2-1 Soccer Bowl victory over Seattle. • Had the greatest scoring regular season in league history in 1978 with 34 goals and 79 points in 30 regular-season games.

Scored the winning goal in Soccer Bowl for second straight season. • Became league's all-time leading scorer with goal No. 102 on 5/16/80 against California.

Went on to score 32 goals in 32 games in 1980 and challenge his own record with 77 points. • Saved most phenomenal stretch of his career for 1980 playoffs, knocking home 18 goals in seven playoff games, including seven in one game against Tulsa 8/31, a hat-trick in Conference Final win over L.A., and two in 3-0 Soccer Bowl win over Ft. Lauderdale. • Led the entire world in goals with 76 during all of 1980, including tours. • Began his career with Swansea in Wales. • Returned to Italy to play with Massese and also had a stint with Internapoli, before joining Lazio. • Won Italian League scoring title and led Lazio to league championship in 1973-74. • Has led his team in scoring for 13 straight seasons (Lazio 6, Cosmos 7).

• Married to Connie. • Father of son George, Jr., (6/28/72), and daughters Cynthia (6/29/71) and Stephanie (1/11/77). • Totally dedicated to making Cosmos the "best organization in the world." • Wife's first cousin is Mike Erzone, captain of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team. • Became U.S. citizen 8/25/78. • Operates successful soccer camps under the Cosmos Soccer Camps of America umbrella. • Other business interests include condominiums and endorsements with Ellesse Sportswear, Spalding, Fidelity Union Trust and Toyota in addition to his autobiography, published by Simon & Schuster. • Born in Carrara Italy, grew up in Wales where his family operated a restaurant. • Lives year-round in an Englewood, New Jersey 22-room mansion.



Johan Neeskens, No. 13

Midfielder
5'9" 165 lbs. 9/15/51
NASL yr: 5 Cosmos yr: 5

Returned to a Dutch National Team uniform in 1981 for two big World Cup qualifying matches, his 47th and 48th caps. • One of the premier midfielders in the history of soccer. • A major factor in Holland's rise to world prominence in soccer. • Joined Cosmos in June, 1979 just after leading Barcelona of Spain to Cup Winners Cup title in Europe. • Reckless, all-out style quickly endeared him to Cosmos fans. • Was named to All-NASL First Team in 1979. • Played right through a series of injuries, including separated shoulder, badly sprained wrist, pulled groin and a deep scalp wound to play five playoff games. • Limited to 18 games in 1980 by a pinched nerve at the beginning of the season, and then a pulled thigh late in the year. • Still garnered 4 goals, 10 assists and Second Team All NASL selection. • Returned to lineup in regular season finale and set up three goals to help clinch 1980 point title. • Suspended indefinitely 9/10/80 for missing flight to Los Angeles for Conference Final playoff match. • Began career with Ajax of Amsterdam in 1967. • Became midfield leader on one of the most successful

teams in European history. • Combined with Johan Cruyff to help club win three straight European Cup titles in 1971, '72, '73. • Scored a crucial goal against Independiente (Argentina) as Ajax won the World Club championship in 1972. • In his seven seasons with them, Ajax won five league titles ('67, '68, '70, '72, '73) and four Dutch Cups ('67, '70, '71, '72). • Became the prototype of Holland's all-out "total soccer" style of play. • Has 48 caps for Holland including all 14 of their World Cup matches in 1974 and 1978. • Led Dutch in scoring with five goals in 1974 Cup competition, spearheading the drive all the way to the Cup Final against West Germany. • Scored on a penalty kick in the opening minute of the historic match, but then Franz Beckenbauer led host-team won a 2-1 squeaker. • Left Ajax for Barcelona following World Cup and played there until Cosmos clubbed several top European clubs for his services. • Reached World Cup final with Holland again in 1978, losing again to the host team, this time Argentine in overtime.

• Married (Marianne). • One son, Christian (8). • Born at Haarlem in the Netherlands. • Speaks Dutch, English, German and Spanish.

Boris Bandov, No. 18

5'10" 175 lbs. 11/23/63
NASL yr: 9 Cosmos yr: 9

Cosmos leader in NASL seniority, ending his ninth season. • Acquired from Tampa Bay prior to 1979 season. • Long-time mainstay on U.S. National Team, holds national record with 30 caps. • Played World Cup qualifying games for U.S. in both '76 and '80. • Valuable utility man who can fill in at any position on the field. • Primarily a left-side player, very dangerous as an overlapping full-back. • Began his career with San Jose in 1974, posting a career high total of five goals in 1975. • Played briefly with Seattle in 1976 and spent 1977 and 1978 seasons with the Rowdies. • Scored his only Cosmos goal against Dallas on 6/10/79. • Broke all scoring records as a high school star at Silver Creek High School in California. • Single. • Born in Bosnia, Yugoslavia. • Naturalized U.S. Citizen. • Enjoys skiing and reigns as chess champion of the Cosmos.

Hernan 'Chico' Borja, No. 28

Forward
5'11" 165 lbs. 8/24/59
NASL yr: 3 Cosmos yr: 3

Selected for the first time to U.S. National Team 2/18/82. • Set all-time scoring records at New Jersey Institute of Technology with 80 goals during his four-year career, 25 in his senior year alone. • Only Division III player selected to All-American team and Senior Bowl. • Born in Quito, Ecuador, began playing soccer at age five. • Moved to United States and Belleville, New Jersey at 14. • Earned All-State New Jersey honors at Belleville High School. • Turned down offers from big-time soccer schools to stay near home and enter NJIT's architecture program. • Single. • Lives with parents, seven brothers and two sisters in Belleville, ten minutes from Giants Stadium. • Attended Cosmos games regularly through high school and college. • Became U.S. citizen 10/26/81.

Roberto Cabanas, No. 19

Forward
5'3" 155 lbs. 4/11/61
NASL yr: 4 Cosmos yr: 4

Exploded into stardom in 1981 with 16 goals and 9 assists in just 22 games, 18 as a starter. • Had 10 goals in phenomenal 7-game mid-season stretch, including 4-goal game vs. Dallas. • Was second to Chinaglia in NASL scoring race when injured (pulled groin) vs. Toronto. • Spent entire 1981-82 off-season in a body brace recuperating from sensitive cracked vertebrae. • One of the most promising young players in the world. • Acrobatic athlete with all the tools — speed, strength, jumping ability, and technical skill. • Joined the Cosmos on 5/10/80 from Cerro Porteno of Paraguay after sudden emergence with Paraguay National Team. • Turned down big offers from Europe and South America to sign with Cosmos. • Gradually broke into 1980 lineup and became big late-season force. • Scored one of the club's biggest goals of the season to beat Seattle 1-0 in point-championship showdown in the Kingdom. • Added two goals in finale win over Rochester to help wrap up regular-season crown. • Collected five big assists in '80 playoffs, including three in biggest series that went to mini-game. • Capped first season by assisting Chinaglia on the final goal of 3-0 Soccer Bowl '80 victory. • Burst into the international scene by scoring three goals in four games with Paraguay National Team in late '79 and early '80. • Played in Paraguay's South American Nations Cup Final victory over Chile. • Scored three goals for Cerro Porteno against Chile First Division champion Colo Colo in Libertadores Cup eliminations. • Began professional career at age 15 with small hometown team Pilar. • Joined Cerro Porteno at 17 and also began play with Paraguay's National Youth Team, as a teammate of Julio Cesar Romero's. • Single. • Born in the small, rural region of Pilar, Paraguay, outside the capital city of Asuncion. • Lives in Guttenburg, New Jersey in same apartment complex as constant sidekick Romero.

David Brick, No. 21

Goalkeeper
6'3" 173 lbs. 1/21/68
NASL yr: 6 Cosmos yr: 6

One of the top native American goalkeepers. • Great all-around performer with sure hands and tremendous range. • A product of the powerful St. Louis youth program. • Signed an amateur contract with Cosmos in late 1977 after his freshman year at St. Louis University. • College goalkeeper coach was Miguel de Lima. • Saw limited action in 1978, but came through brilliantly in seven-game stretch during 1979. • In first start on 6/24/79, he made several spectacular saves and shut out New England 1-0 in front of national TV audience. • Posted a 1.50 goals-against-average in seven games. • Trained with A. Mike Creder during winter of 1977-78. • Became an instant hit the following winter playing with Morton F.C. of the Scottish Premier Division, winning League "Player of the Week" honors at one point. • Consistently among the leading goalkeeper candidates for the U.S. Olympic Team as well until signing first professional contract in December 1979. • Began national team association with Youth Team in 1976, winning all-tournament selection in Junior World Cup qualifying play. • Very active in strong St. Louis youth program.

Vladislav Bogicovic, No. 8

Midfielder
6'11" 180 lbs. 11/6/50
NASL yr: 6 Cosmos yr: 6

Set club record for consecutive games played (84) in 1981 before resting in season finale. • One of the most technically gifted players in the world. • The field general and "maestro" of the Cosmos offense. • Signed with Cosmos prior to 1978 season from Red Star of Belgrade. • Displayed uncanny passing ability teamed with a record-tying four assists (and a goal) in his very first game, a 7-0 opening-day win over Ft. Lauderdale. • Size and great peripheral vision allow him to seemingly see entire field at all times. • Stood out in 1978 playoffs with two goals and four assists. • Broke Cosmos single-season assist record with 23 in 1979, including a league-record of eight consecutive games with at least one. • Has consistently come through in important games, biggest series came in memorable Dallas game in 1980 playoffs. • Also initiated free-kick sequence for assist on winning goal of Soccer Bowl '80 victory. • Third on all-time club lists for games and minutes played. • NASL All-Star selection every year, Second Team in '78 and '79, First Team last two years. • Began his long career with Red Star of Yugoslavia's First Division at age 15. • Played 503 games during next 13 years, leading Red Star to five Yugoslavian league titles, four Cup titles and a position among the elite teams in Europe. • Played 47 times for Yugoslavia's National Team. • Appeared in five of Yugoslavia's six 1974 World Cup games, including the opening game 0-1 tie in Pele's historic final appearance for the Brazilian National Team. • Wife Maryana is former dancer with Belgrade Ballet. • One daughter Tanja (11/2/78). • A real "character" and put on artist with press and teammates alike. • Works on skin cream chemical patents in the off-season. • Leads team in nicknames: Bogie, Vlado, Maestro and Professor.

Richard Chinappo, No. 30

Midfielder
6'11" 155 lbs. 1/18/57
NASL yr: 2 Cosmos yr: 2

Born in San Juan, Trinidad. • Became member of Trinidad's Junior National Team in 1974 and full National Team in 1978. • Came to U.S. in 1978, specifically to attend L.I.U. on soccer scholarship, after being recommended to the school's assistant coach, who also comes from Trinidad. • Good versatile player with good technical skill. • Creder's immediate impact with 11 goals in his freshman year and was named All-American team. • Had 18 goals in sophomore campaign and record 21 in junior year, making All-American again each season. • Named First Team All-Metro Conference all four years, earning league best player honors in '79 and '81. • Captain of L.I.U. in '81 and senior year. • Single. • Straight A student as an advanced accounting major at L.I.U. Family remains in Trinidad except for sister in Toronto.

Julio Cesar Romero, No. 7

Midfielder
5'8" 145 lbs. 28/8/60
NASL yr: 4 Cosmos yr: 4

Attacking midfielder with explosive speed and great technical skill. • Signed with Cosmos in December 1979. • Had spectacular first season in 1980, second to Chinaglia in team scoring, and seventh in entire league with 14 goals and 19 assists for 47 points. • Highest point total among all NASL midfielders and top total for any teenager in league history. • Scored winning (first) goal of Soccer Bowl '80 victory early in second-half 3-0 victory. • Tied all-time single-season league playoff record with seven assists. • Honorable Mention All-NASL. • Burst onto international scene in 1979 by leading Paraguay National Team to big upsets over both Brazil and Chile for South American Nations Cup Title. • In semi-final game at the famous Maracana in Rio de Janeiro, he scored one goal and assisted on the other in Paraguay's 2-1 shocker over mighty Brazil. • Scored twice more in final series against Chile. • Won the "Silver Ball" of 1979 World Youth Cup as runner-up to Argentina's Diego Maradona. • Constantly in motion, has a knack for getting open in dangerous positions. • Played with Sportivo Luqueño prior to joining the Cosmos. • Made First Division debut at age 17. • Single. • Born in Luque, Paraguay, 15 miles from Paraguay's capital city of Asuncion. • Studied economics at the University of Paraguay. • Lives in Guttenburg, N.J. during season.

Andranik Eskandarian, No. 2

Defender
5'7" 155 lbs. 3/12/61
NASL yr: 5 Cosmos yr: 5

One of the quickest defenders in the NASL. • Joined Cosmos soon after playing against them for World All-Stars on 8/30/78. • Enchanted by United States, he was in a Cosmos uniform on loan ten days later for home international against Boca Juniors. • Signed full-time contract in time to accompany them on '78 tour of Europe. • Aggressive, hustling style quickly endeared him to Meadowlands fans in 1979, but broken jaw suffered 5/6/79 kept him out much of the year. • Voted Honorable Mention All-NASL in 1980, as well as "Good Guy" Award by local reporters. • Assisted Giorgio Chinaglia on final two goals of his record 7-goal playoff game vs. Tulsa 31/8/80. • Severely aggravated groin pain in Soccer Bowl and spent entire off-season recuperating. • Born of Armenian parents, he played ten years with Tadj of the First Division before joining Cosmos. • Had 5 caps for Iran's National Team, including all three of their Argentina World Cup appearances in 1978. • Also competed in the 1978 Olympics on Montreal. • Father of 4-year-old son Ara. • Lives year-round in Washington Township, New Jersey along with brother Edik, a local high school star player. • Very personable, handles many Cosmos player appearances. • Plans to become a U.S. citizen as soon as possible. • Nickname: Eskli.

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Jeff Dugan

No. 4
Defender

6'2" 176 lbs 29/8/81

NASL yr: 4 Cosmos yr: 4
• Youngest player in league history to log 5,000 NASL minutes.
• Continued to earn the respect of the league's top strikers with rugged and assertive marking and a dominating presence in the air.
• Ever-improving finesse made him a more dangerous all-round threat.
• Played every minute of 1981 playoffs, including second straight Soccer Bowl, where he shut down Sting striker Karl-Heinz Granitz.
• Scored his first Giants Stadium goal in Trans-Atlantic Cup match vs. Glasgow Celtic.
• Named to NASL All-North American First Division.
• Already holds veteran status at age 20.
• Signed amateur contract from Stadium High School in Tacoma, Washington where he was All-American.
• Made amazing one-year transition from high school star to Cosmos regular and NASL 'Rookie of the Year' in 1980.
• Broke into lineup in the fourth game of the season 4/20/80 and stayed there, capping the year by becoming the youngest Soccer Bowl participant ever, while marking Gerd Mueller in Cosmos 3-0 win over Ft. Lauderdale.
• Size and strength make him an intimidating force in the penalty box, wins nearly every head ball that comes his way. Fierce game in game-out competitor.
• Played on US National Youth Team for two years.
• Single.
• Born and raised in Tacoma, Washington.
• Lives in old farm house in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey during the season, returning to Pacific Northwest whenever he can. Avid reader, music fanatic.



Seninho, No. 11

Forward

5'9" 164 lbs 7/1/79

NASL yr: 6 Cosmos yr: 6

• Had best season of his injury-riddled Cosmos career but still hampered by nagging muscle pulls. Lightning fast wing, one of the quickest in the world.
• Joined the Cosmos in 1978 after career with Oporto of the Portuguese First Division.
• Off-and-on career checked with occasional great games and injuries.
• Scored big playoff goals against Portland in '78 and Tulsa in '79 and starred in '79 Conference Final vs. Vancouver.
• Joined perennial power Oporto in 1969, left for 24-year stint (1972-74) serving in Angolan Civil War.
• Returned to lead Oporto to Portuguese Cup in 1976 and league title in 1977.
• Played 12 times for Portuguese National Team, including games against Italy and France.
• Has competed in numerous European tournaments, including UEFA Cup matches against Barcelona, Newcastle, Dundee and Bruges and cup winners Cup games against Anderlecht, Hamburg and Cologne.
• Scored two memorable goals to beat Manchester United in 1978 Cup Winners Cup competition.
• Has scored over 270 career goals.

• Married Antonia on his birthday 7/1/78, three days after his Cosmos debut.
• Born in Sada Bandeira, Angola.
• Served as a medic in Angolan Civil War.
• Citizen of Portugal.
• Portuguese-style nickname Seninho comes from his first name, Arsenio.
• Other nickname: Traviata because of disco talent.
• Enjoys basketball.

Robert Ianusci, No. 3

Defender

6'1" 180 lbs 11/8/54

NASL yr: 8 Cosmos yr: 5

• Voted the 1981 'Good Guy Award' by local media.
• Played every minute of Canada's World Cup qualifying effort in Honduras in November, 1981.
• Solid, dependable defender.
• First joined Cosmos in July 1977 from Toronto Metros where he was an integral part of their 1976 championship.
• Played one game before injuring leg in Cosmos '77 championship season.
• Played key role in 1978 title becoming a regular at right full-back.
• Contributed key assists on first and third goals of 3-1 Soccer Bowl victory over Tampa Bay.
• Only player in history of NASL to take part in three straight championships.
• Was sold to Washington Diplomats in December 1978.
• Played all but three games over two year stint in Washington.
• Had the best offensive season of his career in xix with 4 goals and 5 assists.
• Scored first goal of Canada's 2-1 World Cup qualifying victory over two year stint in Washington over U.S. in 1980.
• Sold back to Cosmos on 12/15/80, minutes before NASL dispersal draft.
• Played at York University in Toronto where he was the team's Most Valuable Player three years in a row.
• Began his lengthy career with the Canadian National Team in 1976.
• Born in Toronto, Canada.
• Has degrees in math and physical education from York University.

Steve Wegeria, No. 14

Forward

5'9" 152 lbs 15/6/63

NASL yr: 7 Cosmos yr: 3

• One of the premier wingers in the NASL.
• Came to North America and Tampa Bay Rowdies in 1977 and has been named to league All-Star Team every year since.
• Third on Rowdies' all-time scoring list behind only Rodney Marsh and Derek Smethurst.
• Scored two great goals in his first match against Cosmos to lead Rowdies to 4-2 victory and spoil Franz Beckenbauer's Cosmos debut on 29/5/77.
• Career NASL point-total is higher than any other player, even except Chingalia.
• Began professional career with Arcadia Shepherds of South Africa in 1973, after playing with them as an amateur since 1968 (age 15).
• Played numerous times for South African National Youth Team and South African National Team.
• Born in Pretoria, South Africa.

Rick Davis, No. 6

Defender

5'8" 165 lbs 24/11/59

NASL yr: 6 Cosmos yr: 6

• Regarded as one of the finest native American players ever.
• Signed by the Cosmos in late 1977 after one year at the University of California at Santa Clara.
• Became the NASL's landslide 'North American Player of the Year' in 1979 with 6 goals and 13 assists.
• Long-time mainstay of U.S. National Team, has played every position but goalkeeper for them.
• Leading scorer for the US in the World Cup qualifying matches in 1980.
• Already has 14 'caps' for National Team.
• Combines tenacious marking and tackling with non-stop hustle and nose for goals.
• Lives in Woodbridge, New Jersey during season and in California during the off-season.

Darryl Gee, No. 24

Forward

5'10" 165 lbs 5/9/62

NASL yr: 3 Cosmos yr: 3

• Signed with Cosmos in June, 1980 after graduation from Oakland Mills High School in Columbia, Maryland.
• Was first selected to the National Youth Team in 1979 and has been a regular since, participating in both their successful CONCACAF qualifying effort in August, 1980 and the Youth World Cup finals in Australia in October, 1981.
• One of the top young forward prospects in the country.
• Made Cosmos debut during indoor season last winter, scoring first professional goal vs. Chicago Sting 2/9.

Erhardt Kapp, No. 26

Defender

5'11" 167 lbs 16/6/59

NASL yr: 2 Cosmos yr: 3

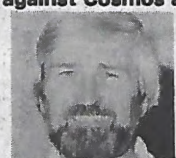
• Drafted by Cosmos after spectacular college career at the University of Connecticut, helping Huskies to 21-record and No. 1 national ranking for much of 1980 season.
• Named First Team All-American and selected to East team to Senior Bowl.
• Born in Engels Brunn, Romania, moved to Germany and then immigrated to Glendale, New York at age seven.
• Joined Blau-Weiss Gotschee S.C. in the German-American (now Cosmopolitan) League and played seven years with them.
• Became a US citizen April 1978.

12. DOUG BROWN, striker,

Preston-Makedonia. Made State debut against Watford. Top scorer for Makedonia this year with 11 goals. Played in Scotland for Aberdeen and in England for Sheffield United.

Meet the Vics

The Victorians, with shirt numbers; for the game against Cosmos at Olympic Park on Sunday.



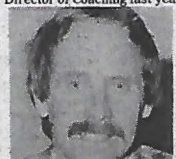
TIM WHITE, coach, appointed for the game against Watford earlier this year, and hoping to improve on that 0-4 scoreline. White coached Victorian Metro club Springvale and Queensland State League club Townsville United before being appointed Victorian Director of Coaching last year.



4. JOHN GARDINER, sweeper, Ajax. Veteran of 20 games for Victoria since his debut against Cruzeiro (1-2) in 1973. Won 1971 and 1972 Rothmans Medals while with George Cross.



8. STEFAN MILA, midfielder or sweeper, Polonia. Played for Gwardia Warsaw and 12 times for the Polish Olympic team before coming to Australia early this year. Winner of the 'Soccer Action' 1982 Best Player Award. First Vic. appearance. One goal this year.



BOBBY McLACHLAN, assistant coach. Has guided Ajax to two State League championships, one Dockerty Cup, one Ampol Cup and one State League Cup in the past two seasons.



10. FABIO IN CANTALUPO, midfielder or forward, Juventus. Was in the Australian team for the 1981 World Youth Championships, and has seven youth caps. Juventus' top scorer with 12 goals this season. This is his State debut.



10. KEN MURPHY, midfielder, Croatia. Four appearances for Victoria, has played all his soccer for Croatia since coming here from Scotland where he played for Dundee. Was Victoria's star against Watford. Three goals this year.



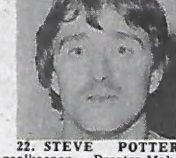
1. JEFF OLVER, goalkeeper, Heidelberg-Alexander. Joined Heidelberg from Albion Rovers. Has had one State game, against Hungary (0-2) early this year.



15. KEITH ADAMS, sweeper or full back, Croatia. Has had four State games. Joined Croatia from Ringwood-Wilhelmina where he played as a midfielder. Played for Sunderland in England before coming to Australia about seven years ago. Two goals this year.



5. STUART CANNELL, stopper, Ajax. Another early 1981 recruit to Ajax, he and Gardiner now form the most formidable centre-back partnership in the league.



22. STEVE POTTER, goalkeeper, Preston-Makedonia. Voted by 'Soccer Action' as top goalkeeper in the nation in 1981. Joined Makedonia from Croatia early this year. Previously with Footscray J.U.S.T. and played in the U.K. for Swansea. First representative appearance.



3. CHARLIE YANKOS, left back or stopper, Heidelberg-Alexander. Made State debut against Hungary early this year. Was a midfielder in the Victorian youth rep. team, and came up through the ranks of Heidelberg.



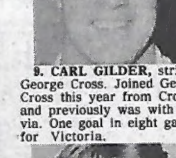
13. GEORGE CAMPBELL, midfielder or winger, Hellas. Played for Aberdeen in Scotland before joining Hellas. Only one previous State game, against Dundee (2-1) in 1978. Five goals for Hellas in 1982.



9. CARL GILDER, striker, George Cross. Joined George Cross this year from Croatia and previously was with Slavia. One goal in eight games for Victoria.



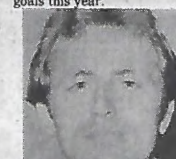
7. JIM CAMPBELL, midfielder, Heidelberg-Alexander. One of the finest attacking midfielders in Australia, having scored 44 goals in six national league seasons, since coming here from England. Six games and one goal for Victoria, three games for Australia, including two full internationals. Twelve league goals this year.



11. PAUL LEWIS, striker, Ajax. Top scorer in the State League with 23 goals. Came from Scotland last year after playing there for Pollok. This is his State debut.



2. GERRY BENNETT, right or left back, Hellas. Came from Scotland 1979 to join Ajax, and played there as left back or in midfield until switching to Hellas during the 1982 season.

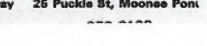
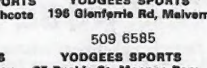
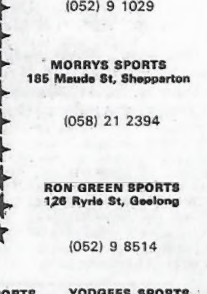


6. ZORAN ILIOSKI, midfielder, Footscray J.U.S.T. Played all his soccer at J.U.S.T., where he is team captain. Making his Victorian senior debut, although played many times in junior rep. teams. Four goals for JUST in 1982.



14. DAVID BROGAN, striker, Croatia. Switched from Croydon last year and was Croatia's 1982 top scorer with 18. Has scored one goal in one game for Victoria — against New Zealand (1-2).

NEW SHINPADS



Hubert Birkenmeier, No. 1

Goalkeeper

5'10" 168 lbs 24/5/49

NASL yr: 5 Cosmos yr: 5

• In 1981 played every minute of every game until sitting out season finale vs. Toronto.
• Extended Cosmos iron-man record to 5,873 straight minutes, 7,148 including playoffs.
• Became club's all-time shut-out leader, raising total to 17.
• Named Second Team All-NASL Goalkeeper.
• Shut out Tampa Bay in pivotal third game of quarter-final playoff series.
• Posted second consecutive Soccer Bowl shutout, an NASL record, only to lose in shootout.
• Came up consistently big all season, notably on road.
• Voted First Team Goalkeeper on Cosmos All-Decade.
• Joined Cosmos in July 1979 from F. C. Freiburg of West German Second Division, after shutting out Cosmos 2-0 on their 1978 tour of Europe.
• Took complete command from the outset, launching Cosmos on immediate eight-game winning streak.
• Has missed only two games since, regular season finales of '79 and '81 seasons.
• Began career with Hartheim, S.C., his hometown team in the Black Forest region of Germany.
• Moved to professional level with Freiburg in 1970.
• Transferred to Tennis Borussia in 1972 and helped them to two brief stays in Bundesliga (First Division).
• Returned to Freiburg in 1977.
• Very consistent, often spectacular, makes very few mistakes.
• Single.
• Born in Hartheim.
• Citizen of West Germany, now living in US virtually year-round.
• Has permanent resident green card, and hopes to eventually get U.S. citizenship.
• Owns new sporting goods store in Hackensack.
• Father is involved in forestry business in Black Forest.
• Personal idol is Sepp Maier.
• Horseback riding fanatic, also enjoys tennis.

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Rothmans Medal



Eric Young (Juventus-Pioneer), winner of the 1982 Rothmans Medal in Tasmania. (Photo by courtesy of The Mercury).

Record win in Tasmania to Juve's Young

By WALTER PLESS

Juventus-Pioneer's Eric Young, 29, has won the 1982 Rothmans Gold Medal in Tasmania with a record 39 votes.

The dynamic midfielder, formerly with Manchester United, was elated with his win.

He finished second in last year's count and was firm favorite for this year's medal.

Second place went to Brighton's Alan Tait with 28 points. Launceston Juventus' Peter Sawdon finished third on 25 points while Ian Parker of Brighton, with 23 points, was fourth.

All four place-getters are English imports to Tasmanian soccer. This fact, according to Young, vindicated clubs' policies of importing quality English players and also confirmed the high status of these players in Tasmanian soccer.

Young is undecided about his future. His contract with Juventus has expired and several clubs already are seeking his services for next season.

The day after the Rothmans presentation, Young left for a brief holiday on the mainland with his wife. They are returning to England after that for a couple of months.

KAPETANOVIC TO APIA?

Domagoj Kapetanovic, the coach who helped Marconi sail through troubled 1982 waters to safety, has been replaced by Doug Collins at the helm of the Fairfield club.

He was not critical of the club's decision. "My contract expires on November 15 and it is the club's decision to pick the man they feel is best for the job. I do not think that I have failed but that is possibly not enough for a club as strong and maybe as demanding as Marconi," said Kapetanovic.

LATROBE VALLEY

LATROBE Valley results: Battle of Britain Cup Final: Olympeans 3 d Transion C1. Harry Douglas Trophy: Final: Yallourn 3 d Druid Dragons 0. Shopwell Trophy Final: Churchill 1 d Fortuna 0.

Riverwood's Stoddart best in NSW

By ALEX VESIC

John Stoddart was the runaway winner in the NSW Rothmans Medal at the Hilton Hotel last Wednesday night.

The ex-St George player, having gone through a great season with Riverwood to finish in second place on the NSW League table, was humble and happy at the end of the night. As the cameras flashed, Stoddart thanked Rothmans and the man who helped him win the award, his coach Atti Abonyi.

With 34 points, John Stoddart was nine points ahead of his nearest challenger, Stuart Regan from Manly.

Eight players were separated by only four points behind Stoddart. Regan was on 25, Basterfield and Coleman on 23, Wheasey, Kalowski and Pointer on 22 and Groomie and Bobby Smith on 21.

Two Avala players, Nell Williams and Peter Ahrens, featured prominently getting tenth and eleventh spots respectively.

The points awarded were for best and fairest player of the year as seen by the referees in NSW State League matches. Apart from having their favorite night of the year, the referees had quite a chuckle as well.

Mr Owens made out a placard which included Sydney City versus St George game reports. Placard out-lets were pasted on the placard with a number of offending writers mentioned at the bottom of the placard which asked: "Dear Editor, why do you send me to the games when I can't understand the rules?"

At the other end of the Hilton ballroom, Mr Gary Power, a PSL referee, was handing out copies of Rule 11, including paragraph 3, explaining some of the finer points of the offside rule.

And while the referees had their laugh, presumably not the last, since there is always next season and the pens are already being sharpened by some, the rest of the happy gathering were throwing away their "Betting tickets" in disgust.

Tom Patrick of Umbro, collected on the winning ticket with the name John Stoddart while his boss, Ian McAndrew, looked a little bewildered: "Why didn't I listen to him?" said Ian, counting his losses.

It was a good night for the bookie too; none other than Tim Davies, the most noted of the promising "youngsters". He included John Stoddart in his "book" after the "stewards" (read — those who were in the know) nudged him with the correct information.

- Votes:
- 34 J. Stoddart (Riverwood)
 - 25 S. Regan (Manly)
 - 23 J. Basterfield (Canterbury), K. Coleman (Croatia)
 - 22 R. Wheatley (Blacktown), Z. Kalinowski (Polonia), C. Pointer (Blacktown)
 - 21 N. Groomie (Suth), R. Smith (Rock)
 - 18 P. Ahrens, N. Williams (Avala)
 - 17 M. Cross (Melita), A. Galas (Pol)
 - 16 R. Carney (Aub), P. Hensmen (Croatia)
 - 15 R. Brown (Cant)
 - 12 T. Bush (Suth)
 - 13 R. Farrugia (Melita)
 - 12 G. Arnold (Cant), S. Blackburn (Bank)
 - 11 A. El-Zein (Cant), M. Harrington (Suth), B. Lock (Manly), S. Meades (Suth), R.

DISQUALIFIED PLAYERS

- 18 D. McIntosh (Yug)
- 11 A. Jamieson (Melita), B. Walker (Riv)
- 10 M. Dale (Aub), Z. Garlowski (Pol)
- 7 A. Link (Monaro)
- 6 P. Berry (Yugal), H. Hosseini (Black)
- 5 R. McPherson (Melita), M. Valeri (Monaro)
- 4 E. Campbell (Melita), T. Mihajlovic (Yugal), C. Rootsey (Bank), G. Vijiunovic (Avala)

McGinn (Melita), T. Smith (Manly), J. Webber (Suth)

10 P. Kirwan, S. Selvage (Black), D. Smith (Riv), B. Wisniewski (Pol)

9 P. Burrows (Black), C. Prgomelja (Aub), T. Steven (Croatia), A. Tracey (Riv), A. Titilas (Cant), B. Vidiac (Croatia)

8 P. Brogan (Black), R. Allen, M. Holloway (Aub), T. Jones (Riv), J. Lane (Cant), J. Notera (Bank), B. Parker (Riv), W. Valeri (Monaro)

7 G. Ankudinoff (Melita), Z. Djuricic (Avala), J. Davies (Riv), B. Doyle (Manly), R. Geeke (Pol), N. Kotzobambas (Rock), D. Lohman (Bank), G. Noble (Manly), M. Tullawa (Monaro), B. Woods (Croatia)

6 P. Butcher (Riv), B. Beaves (Rock), P. Daley (Melita), S. Deller, B. Karanflovski (Avala), C. O'Neill (Bank), M. Quarumby (Black), M. Rendell (Yugal), J. Sultana (Rock), J. Santolin (Monaro), K. Smith (Pol)

5 R. Agostino (Yugal), W. Coates (Riv), F. Cummings (Yugal), D. Allan (Melita), L. Georgiou (Cant), P. Jones (Bank), P. Rodas (Yugal), D. Rezo (Croatia)

4 P. Dilton (Bank), J. Dal-Forno (Suth), B. Divani (Pol), S. Ellis, P. Falconer (Manly), K. Kawallava (Monaro), G. McCoy (Melita), J. McDonald (Aub), G. Matheron (Rock), W. Saviour (Croatia), C. Thumidis (Cant), R. Williams (Melita)

3 P. Beggs (Suth), J. Brown (Monaro), J. Clarke (Yugal), J. Coyne (Croatia), A. Bottalico (Rock), R. Georgiou (Manly), J. Gromez (Black), J. Harkins (Monaro), D. Jack (Manly), W. Lachowicz (Riv), R. Macpherson (Melita), M. McKendrick, D. McInerney, C. Quigley (Aub), A. Rokodera (Yugal), H. Riuz (Avala), K. Schumann (Suth), M. Treuter, D. Tomasie (Croatia), A. Watkins (Suth)

2 M. Barton (Avala), J. Burnett (Yugal), M. Berry (Riv), R. Carrizo (Croatia), J. Bottolico (Rock), K. Falconer (Manly), A. Grossa (Pol), M. Hesford, M. Haynes (Suth), P. Jones, B. James (Black), R. Lambanella (Bank), J. Morsello (Rock), M. McGready (Monaro), A. McDermid (Aub), B. Patterson (Bank), D. Peress (Aub), B. Pilevski (Rock), E. Paher (Yugal), A. Sterry (Croatia), B. Tilt (Avala), N. Walker, W. Ansell, G. Bleiby (Aub), G. Caputo (Monaro), I. Dick (Manly), I. Drain (Bank), G. Donnelly (Suth), M. Dower (Manly), R. Farthing, A. Bource (Bank), R. Glasbourne (Riv), M. Francis (Monaro), D. Martin (Rock), G. Milne (Avala), B. Nisanci (Pol), T. O'Donnell (Aub), M. Silva (Croatia), H. Sobczyk (Pol), S. Tanoski (Yugal), S. Watson (Croatia), M. Whettan (Avala)

3 A. Johnston (Rock), I. Heywood (Monaro), J. O'Rourke (Rock), G. Sookee (Pol)

2 S. Johnston (Black), J. Lembray, E. Patterson (Avala)

Birkalla signs up Peter Jaksa

Former Footscray J.U.S.T. and West Adelaide coach Peter Jaksa has joined SA State League team West Torrens Birkalla.

This quashes rumors that Jaksa would remain with J.U.S.T.

Jaksa said the job was a challenge because West Torrens Birkalla was a club with promising youngsters and was keen to further its development.

Birkalla, which will celebrate its 50th year in 1983, is hungry for success after being banished to the backwaters of SA soccer for decades.

It was promoted to the State League last year and after surviving some awkward moments finished the year in eighth spot.

Jaksa will be reunited with Rothmans Medal winner Terry Hayes, whom he coached at Croatia.

— MENO TOUTSIDIS



Steve Blair (Hellas): candidate for best under 21 award.

Press to honor players, refs and coaches

Polonia sweeper Stefan Milla and Wilhelmina striker Joe Carroll are tipped to fight out the 1982 Bill Fleming Medal, to be presented on Thursday, 21 October, at the City and Overseas Club in Windsor (Vic).

The Fleming Medal is an extension of the Argus Medal instituted by the late Mr William Fleming, a journalist with "The Argus", a now defunct publication.

The Argus Medal was last presented in 1970. The VSF gained sponsorship from Rothmans for the Rothmans Medal which has been an annual event ever since.

The Bill Fleming Medal was instituted to commemorate the great work done by the late Mr Fleming and is an award run by the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

The panel of journalists who will vote on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis to decide this year's Fleming Medal winner comprises:

Manos Vathis (Athletic Echo), Len Stone (freelance), Gilbert Martin (La Flammia), Bob Brian (The Herald), Craig MacKenzie (Soccer Action), Peter Desira (The Sun), Les Shorrocks (Sunday Press) and Fred Villiers (The Truth).

Other awards to be presented on the night are: Victorian PSL Player of the Year, Victorian Under-21 Player of the Year, Victorian team of the year also will be announced. All these awards are voted on by members of the Victorian branch of ASPA.

Leading candidates for the Victorian PSL Player of the Year appear to be Zoran Ilieski (J.U.S.T.), Jim

Campbell, Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg Alexander), Charlie Egan, Arthur Xanthopoulos (South Melbourne Hellas) and David Jones (Preston Macedonia).

Leading candidates for the Under-21 Player of the Year are Steve Blair (South Melbourne Hellas), Fabio Incontalupo (Juventus), Dave Hogben (Ajax) and Mike Valentine (Heidelberg Alexander).

Leading candidates for the Coach of the Year are Bobby McLachlan (Ajax), Len McKendry (Heidelberg Alexander), Dave O'Connor (Morwell Falcons), Peter Ollerton (Preston Macedonia), Bill Murray (Cox Hill) and Cedo Cirkovic (Fawkner).

Chris Bambridge should win the Referee of the Year award.

ARGUS MEDAL

- 1984 — M. Payne (South Yarra)
- 1985 — M. Desaki (Juventus)
- 1986 — R. Wanyas (Polonia), P. Celano (U.S.T.)
- 1987 — J. McLeod (Box Hill)
- 1988 — W. Westervelt (Wilhelmina)
- 1989 — A. Dromen (Box Hill)
- 1990 — W. Jozeyk (Polonia)
- 1991 — F. Falzon (George Cross)
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- 2050 — F. Falzon (George Cross)

BILL FLEMING MEDAL

- 1971 — J. Pyrgos (South Melbourne Hellas)
- 1972 — J. Gardner (George Cross)
- 1973 — F. Micic (J.U.S.T.)
- 1974 — J. Armstrong (South Melbourne Hellas)
- 1975 — W. Vojtek (Juventus)
- 1976 — J. Tasey (Stival)
- 1977 — M. Watkins (Juventus)
- 1978 — T. Cumming (Croatia)
- 1979 — T. Cumming (Croatia)
- 1980 — J. Dumas (Ajax)
- 1981 — C. Egan (Frankston City)



Cedo Cirkovic (Fawkner) — candidate for coaching award.

WA ROTHMANS TO NORRIS SUTTON

Norris Sutton of Inglewood Klev won the 1982 Western Australian Rothmans Medal with 57 votes.

Second was Danny Kuzmanovich (Morley Windmills) with 54 votes and third placegetter Derek Watt (Kingsway Olympic) polled 52 votes.

WAS MARTIN OFFSIDE
IN THE GRAND FINAL?

Even our Socceroo captains don't know the rules



Andrew Dettre

It's difficult to accept, without a grain of salt, much of the criticism levelled at referees. True, they do make mistakes; at times they have off days.

But what lifts them above most others in soccer is that they know the rules...

Last Sunday week's PSL grand final was a perfect example. If some rabid fans are unaware of the finer points of the rules, so what? If leading officials don't know any better, let it be. When reporters for the popular Press are ignorant of the rules, you can still shrug it off. But when international stars fall into the same category, the matter becomes serious.

Well, what did happen in that grand final?

St. George scored two goals described as "controversial" by reporters and heatedly protested by Sydney City officials.

The first one, after 1-0, was a penalty case. A cross ball inside the penalty box was going wide; Ted Macdougall chased it and Sydney City goalie Todd Clarke, dashing out of his goal, fouled him.

The argument was not so much about the foul itself — but the fact that "Macdougall was not in a position to score." That's true. But the rules of soccer know of no such term.

An amazing number of people believe that a penalty can be given only if a player is fouled inside the box when he is in a scoring position.

This, of course, is nonsense. A penalty can be given for a foul inside the box even if the ball is 90 metres away — as long as it's in play. If a goalie is mad enough to knock down an opponent in the box, well behind play — a pen-

alty will be given even if the ball itself is at the other end of the field.

So referee Tony Boskovic, as usual, was correct in this instance.

The second goal also caused some vehement arguments.

St. George goalie Terry Greedy took a very long goal-kick; the ball sailed over the heads of the Sydney City defenders and found St. George striker Dez Marton lurking some six metres behind them, unattended. He took the ball under control and scored.

Former Socceroo captain Murray Barnes rushed to referee Tony Boskovic claiming "offside." The entire Sydney City camp hurled abuse at the linesman for failing to signal.

And next day the two morning newspapers added their bit by calling it an "offside goal."

The match was attended by the entire Socceroo team, before their departure for Singapore. I wished them a happy trip and, with some players, briefly discussed the match.

Then, to my astonishment, two of our Socceroos, Tony Henderson and Gary Cole, also pointed out that the third goal was "offside." At first I thought they were joking but after a while I realised that they simply don't know the rules.

And Tony Henderson is also a former Australian captain, currently heading



Grand final referee
Tony Boskovic

a popular TV program for youngsters, often explaining the rules of the game...

I think it would be a good idea if, before the start of the 1983 season, referees visited all our senior clubs and explained to them some of the lesser known rules of soccer.

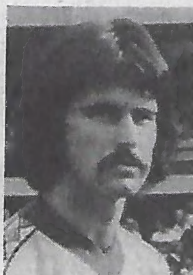
Such as Law XI which clearly says:

"A player shall not be declared offside by the referee if he receives the ball, direct, from a GOAL-KICK, corner kick, throw-in or when it has been dropped by the referee."

Where the confusion may come from is that many people, even star players, don't know the difference between a goal-kick and a goalie's clearance.

You can be caught offside with the clearance — because the ball is in play — but not with a goal-kick.

Personally, I am not convinced that this rule is entirely logical — but it is the Law and our two former Socceroo captains ought to know about it.



Experts from many clubs helped pick NSW all-stars

It is difficult at the best of times to select the best team possible — that is, at national level. It is even harder attempting to select a side from the NSW State League.

Firstly, an attempt was made to select a functional team which would be able to command respect if put on the pitch tomorrow. All lines in this side should be able to complement each other.

For example: three midfielders should be able to cope with distinct duties... destroyer, playmaker, attacker. That system was employed in all positions, with our correspondents chipping in with their advice.

Those who have picked the side include all our correspondents from NSW sides, with Fred Parker (Auburn), George Dick (Manly), John Giffin (Bankstown), George Streeter (Blacktown) and a number of coaches of State League teams, whose names are going to be kept secret in order to protect the guilty.

Without further ado, let's look at the best NSW State League side of the year:

GOALKEEPER

No. 1 STEVE WATSON
(Croatia)

Commendable effort. Ten goals conceded in 26 games is certainly the best ever effort by Watson in any competition he has participated in. His anticipation of the opponents' moves was exemplary during the major semi-final battle between Croatia and Riverwood.

He came off his line in cat-like style to cut the angle before making a supreme effort, by either diving at forwards' feet or exposing as much of his large frame as possible to stop the shot. He is never short of a word to guide his backline to perfection.

No. 2 ZIGGY KALINOWSKI
(Poland)

Great keeper, tremendous anticipation, great reader of the game and the man who should be dubbed the "Saviour of Polonia in 1982". He conceded only 23 goals, while his team-mates scored only 19 (one of which was scored by Kalinowski from the penalty spot). Nineteen is by the way the lowest number of goals scored by any side in this comp. for years and an indication of the value of Kalinowski to the side.

There have been some tremendous performances by other keepers like Mal Haynes from Sutherland (second best record in the League with only 22 goals against his name). The man they affectionately call "Lurch" has been much neglected in the NSW selections in the past. Peter Ahrens of Avala and Bruce James of Blacktown also have been among the most notable.

RIGHT BACK

BRETT WOODS
(Croatia)

Without a shadow of doubt, this lad will be an Australian representative soon. How on earth he has been ignored so far eludes me. He is fast, supremely confident, daring in attack and uncompromising in defence. Scored six goals to date — yet another feature of his daring which is so synonymous with modern footballs.

No. 2 ROBERT WHEATLEY
(Blacktown)

The man who shaded Woods for selection in the Australian Youth side last WYC and the man who inspires confidence in people like Mr Rasic or Mr Scheinfeld certainly holds a lot of trumps, but will have to improve with his left foot should he plan on a long and healthy international career. Scored three goals.

CENTRE BACK

No. 1 BILLY PILOVSKI
(Rockdale)

His team might have gone down to the low levels of the first division, but there are few who would doubt the exceptional ability of this youngster. All of his coaches this year and all of his opponents were united in their appraisal of the skilful player from Rockdale: "He has a great future in football."

One of the best "correctors" in the game, Pilovski has scored four goals this season and would have scored



Alex Vesic

No. 2 KEITH SCHUMANN
(Sutherland)

He was out of soccer for almost a year but came back to give Sutherland that much-needed confidence at the back. Since his return to first grade, there is little doubt that Sutherland has gone forward in leaps and bounds. The man whom most earmarked for a great football career a few years ago is back on the trail and will certainly create interest among the PSL clubs again.

No. 1 DAVID FORRESTER
(Riverwood)

Played with great determination and skill during the second part of the season to shade most of his opponents and had great understanding with his team-mates David Smith and goalie Lachowicz.

It was this kind of understanding, helped by David's resolute attitudes, which contributed largely to Riverwood's inspired showing during the second part of the season.

No. 2 DAVID MACINTOSH
(Yugal)

If Yugal has anyone to thank for its solid placing at the end of 1982, after years in the first division, it's certainly this tall man on loan from St George, David Macintosh.

He scored seven goals this season, which made him Yugal's top scorer for the season and that from a central defenders position!

LEFT BACK

No. 1 Cliff Pointer
(Blacktown)

With few genuine left backs coming to mind, Cliff Pointer, the man who started his career in this position, appears the best choice. Tall, assertive and with a never-say-die attitude, he was the mainstay of the Demons' defence this year.

Scored two goals.

No. 2 DRAGO TOMASICH
(Croatia)

Another member of the tremendous Croatia backline. An avid believer in perseverance and sportsmanship, Tomasich is one of a rare breed in today's football. He gives his all and seldom utters a word of complaint.

Had he stayed at Marconi, his future would no doubt have taken another turn for the better. As it is, he will have to settle for success in the State League, 1982.

RIGHT MIDFIELD

No. 1 NEIL WILLIAMS
(Avala)

Still one of the most outstanding midfielders about. Skilful, fast with a good eye for an opening, Williams certainly was the star of Avala this year. He was unfortunate to be involved in an accident at the beginning of the year which kept him out of action in the first part of the competition. Then, to make matters worse, he was involved in yet another accident, close to Avala's home ground at the end of the season.

One can only hope that next year brings far brighter things for this talented player. Scored five goals.

No. 2 JOHN STODDART
(Riverwood)

Still a playmaker of top quality and as far as goals are concerned, John appears to enjoy more the part of making them rather than scoring them. Scored three this season but created many more for his team mates.

CENTRAL MIDFIELD

No. 1 STEVE MEADES
(Sutherland)

One of the most under-rated players in NSW for many years. He has been the mainstay of this Sutherland unit. A polished performer with great skills and a sudden burst of speed which tends to take opponents by surprise, Steve has also been one of the most willing tacklers in his side.

No. 2 JIMMY BASTERFIELD
(Canterbury)

An old team-mate of Steve Meades, Jimmy has taken some time to settle into his new environment at Canterbury. He now has made an enormous contribution to some well engineered moves as well as being the man to beat at the front of Canterbury's defensive make-up.

Once things started to go wrong for Canterbury Jimmy was the player who tried hard to settle his side and create that much needed rhythm.

Scored five goals.

LEFT MIDFIELD

No. 1 RAY FARRUGIA
(Melita Eagles)

The star of Melita, the darling of the Melita crowd, Farrugia has been a rare luxury in the State League for while Melita and their faithful supporters have enjoyed this extremely talented player for years, the PSL and national selectors remained strangely in the dark.

He has scored eight goals this year, certainly more than any other linkman in the League and has provided service which should have led to at least three times as many goals by his team mates. His skill is rare, his speed and tenacity exceptional. All those interested hoppers, keep your chequebooks away — he is not for sale.

No. 2 PETER FALCONER
(Manly)

Manly's chief engineer has certainly contributed much to the style displayed this season, coming within a whisker of upsetting the big guns and into the top four.

RIGHT STRIKER

No. 1 BRIAN PARKER
(Riverwood)

Still one of the most exciting wingers around, he was the dominant force in his team's climb to second place in the NSW State League.

His 10 goals were laced with skill and speedy running, exciting to watch and certainly the single biggest crowd-pulling element.

No. 2 MARK HOLLOWAY
(Auburn)

Auburn's top striker surprised most this year and in scoring 11 goals he scored almost half of his team's tally for the season.

CENTRAL STRIKER

No. 1 GREG ARNOLD
(Canterbury)

Sixteen goals scored in 11 outings, with one hat trick, is the short story of the State's best goal poacher. With Ross Brown he formed a tremendous scoring duet and had his team-mate being fit in more than mere half-matches, it could have been a far more profitable year for all concerned at Arlington Oval.

No. 2 TERRY SMITH
(Manly)

The man who cannot do anything wrong for his coach, Mick Jones. "I am very happy to have him in the side. It was a shame to lose him during the period of the World Cup," said Jones.

Despite missing many matches, Terry Smith scored 13 goals and easily could have topped the goalscoring chart had injuries not decimated Manly's team towards the end.

LEFT STRIKER

No. 1 BRANKO
KARANFILOVSKI (Avala)

Two great left wingers showed their wares this season, with Karanfilovski an inch better than Kirwan of Blacktown. Branko is still one of the fastest players in the League with an abundance of skill and a deadly shot.

No. 2 PAUL KIRWAN
(Blacktown)

Arguably the best of Rale Rasic's buys this year. In fact he came so cheap, you might say that Blacktown got him for nothing. With 11 goals to his name Kirwan was Blacktown's top marksman.

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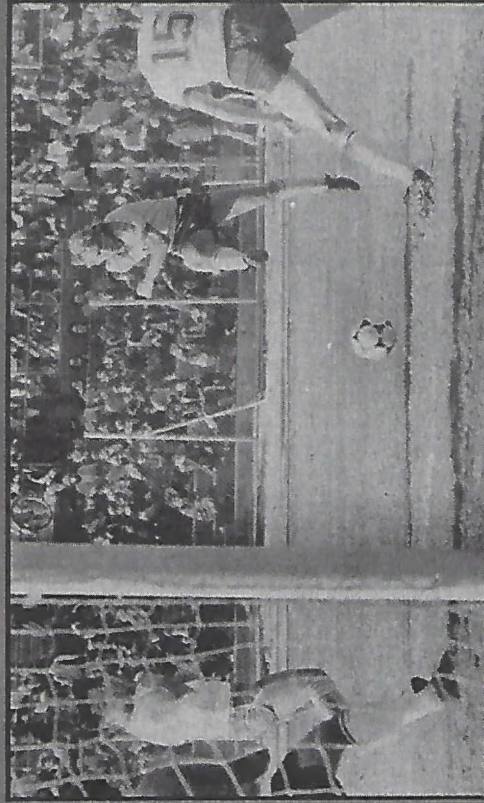
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Drago Tomaseich (Croatia)



Brett Woods (Croatia) takes a shot at goal



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Terry Smith (Manly)

1982 NSW ALL-STARS

*'Soccer Action's' 1982 NSW State
League team of the Year — 'A' and 'B'
selections.*

**Brett
WOODS**
(Croatia)

**Billy
PILOVSKI**
(Rockdale)

**Steve
WATSON**
(Croatia)

**David
FORRESTER**
(Riverwood)

**Cliff
POINTER**
(Blacktown)

**Neil
WILLIAMS**
(Avala)

**Steve
MEADES**
(Sutherland)

**Ray
FARRUGIA**
(Melita Eagles)

Ziggy Kalinowski (Polonia)

Brian

Greg

Branko

(Riverwood)

(Canterbury)

(Avala)

... and the 'B' selection

Robert
WHEATLEY
(Blacktown)

Keith
SCHUMANN
(Sutherland)

Ziggy
KALINOWSKI
(Peterside)

David
McINTOSH
(Yugal)

Drago
TOMASICH
(Croft)

John
STODDART
(Riverwood)

Jimmy
BASTENFIELD
(Canterbury)

Peter
FALCONER
(Marilyn)

Mark
HOLLOWAY
(Auburn)

Terry
SMITH
(Marilyn)

Paul
(KIRWAIN
(Blacktown)



Steve Meades (Sutherland)



Robert Wheatley (Blacktown)



Brian Parker (Riverwood)



Neil Williams (Avala) with the Rothmans Medal he won in 1980



Steve Watson (Croft)



Dave McIntosh (Yugal) climbs high over an opponent



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Gradanski, back row: Vili Borovnjak, Ivica Ivanovic, Miro Franjic, Drago Kraljina, Andy Segl. **Front row:** Zdenko Brkljacic, Branko Culina, Billy Vojtek. **Missing:** Mick Klarin, Danny Lacock.

Gradanski aims for 100 goals

Gradanski, group A leader in Melbourne's indoor soccer tournament, remains unbeaten after nine matches.

Gradanski has scored 78 goals and conceded only 12. "Our target is to score 100 goals before we start the finals," said Gradanski player-manager Billy Vojtek. The Gradanski team almost is the same as that which won the first indoor title, held at Festival Hall last year. Then, representing Croatia, the team beat Polonia 1-0 in the final with Vojtek scoring the winning goal in the last few seconds of play. There are three newcomers to the side — Branko Culina, Zdenko Brkljacic and Miro Franjic. The team is made up of very skilful players and is strong in both defence and attack. Its clash with Veterans on November 8 should be one of the highlights of the tournament. There's no doubt that Gradanski will play in the finals and the experience and quality of the side suggests that it will be very hard to beat.



Nunawading wins in Malla-coota

Victorian Metro Third Division club Nunawading City won the 11th annual Malla-coota Cup two weeks ago.

The Malla-coota township, a small Victorian coastal resort near the NSW border, runs its annual tournament over the first weekend in October.

The local soccer club, backed by the Malla-coota chamber of commerce, organises the tournament which attracts clubs from Victoria and NSW.

This year's winner, Nunawading City, beat NSW club Harbord Diggers 2-0 in the final and didn't concede a goal throughout the tournament. Nunawading was competing in the Malla-coota Cup for the fourth year. Its win was a first. On two other occasions Nunawading finished runner-up.

Harbord Diggers were competing for a record seventh time. They won the cup in 1975. Harbord plays in the All Age Premier Division in the Manly District.

Puma sponsored a series of awards, made to the best player of the tournament and the best goalkeeper.

Harbord Diggers striker Joe Sawczy won the best player award with 11 votes. Equal second were Chris Middlemast, representing Nunawading City, and Terry van Dyk of Gwawley Bay. They polled eight votes.

The best goalkeeper award went to "Spider" McGann of Hornsby RSL.

Here are the competing teams, broken into two groups, and all of this year's results:

GROUP A — Nunawading City (Melbourne), Springvale Utd (Melbourne), Morwell Fortuna (Latrobe Valley), Harbord Diggers (Sydney), Dapto (Illawarra).

GROUP B — Sandringham City (Melbourne), Gwawley Bay (Sydney), Hornsby RSL (Sydney), Newcastle Uni (Newcastle), Malla-coota Utd (Host 'Rep' Team).

Results, Saturday October 2: Morwell 0 Springvale 3; Dapto 0 Nunawading 4; Malla-coota 0 Gwawley Bay 3; Sandringham 0 Hornsby RSL 0; Nunawading 1 Springvale 0; Harbord 7 Morwell 2; Gwawley Bay 3 Newcastle Uni 2; Sandringham 0 Malla-coota 8; Harbord 1 Dapto 0; Newcastle Uni 0 Hornsby RSL 2; Morwell 0 Nunawading 0; Gwawley Bay 4 Sandringham 0.

Sunday, October 3: Malla-coota 1 Newcastle Uni 0; Hornsby RSL 0 Gwawley Bay 0; Newcastle Uni 0 Sandringham 2; Springvale 2 Dapto 0; Hornsby RSL 3 Malla-coota 1; Nunawading 1 Harbord 0; Dapto 2 Morwell 4.

Semi-finals: Nunawading 2 Hornsby RSL 0; Gwawley Bay 0 Harbord 1.

Final: Nunawading 2, Harbord 0.

Photos of the Rothmans Medal night, at \$4.50 post free, can be ordered from photographer LES SHOR-ROCK, 18 Hawthorn Ave., Caulfield 3161, phone (03) 527 2808.



1982 Rothmans Gold Medal Vince Bannon (Juventus) is flanked on the left by runner-up Jim Train (Doveton) and on the right by third placegetter Stefan Mila (Polonia).

Train fights back from the gloom of rejection

Jim Train was acclaimed as the second best player in the Victorian State League last week.

He finished with 27 votes, three behind 1982 Rothmans Gold Medal winner Vince Bannon. Not a bad effort for a player who was rejected by Melbourne Croatia at the start of the year.

Train trained (no, I'm not stuttering) with Croatia during the pre-season period. I watched him on at least six occasions. I thought that he was one of the better players in Croatia's squad at the time, an opinion obviously not shared by some Croatia committeemen.

Train arrived for a practice match against Polonia at Olympic Park No. 2 only to be taken into a dressing room and told that his services no longer were required. So it was back to Doveton, the club he joined last year after a player-coaching stint with Metro Second Division club Waverley City.

"When Croatia rejected me I had to pick myself up. You start asking yourself questions about your ability. You start to wonder if you are still up to it but after the season got underway I forgot about Croatia," said Train.

"Anyway, if you want to know the truth, the atmosphere at Croatia was shocking when I was there. The players were split into two distinct groups and there were a few unhappy players around the place." Train had a distinguished career with Slavia throughout the 1970's and although he is nearing the veteran class (team mate Alan Quin reckons that Train washed up the dishes at The Last Supper), there's no doubt in my mind that he was the best performed left back in State League this year.



The Morwell Falcons table at the Rothmans. From left, Don Di Fabrizio, Henry Richter, unidentified, Tony van Baer, Dave O'Connor, Bill Whiteside, Noel Mitten.



The final vote has been cast and Vince Bannon (left) is the winner. Former winner Tommy Cumming can't hide his delight.

Mila tips Poland

Bested Rothmans Medal favorite Stefan Mila believes Poland has an excellent chance of reaching the next World Cup final under its new coach Edmund Zientara.

He said the next World Cup team would feature two outstanding young forwards now making big names for themselves — Dzielanowski of Gwardia Warsaw and Okonski of Lech Poznan. In addition, midfielder Kupczek will be even better than he was in Spain.

Mila should know. He played top soccer for Gwardia before coming to Melbourne to join Polonia early this year. He also played 12 games for Poland's Olympic team.

Mila finished third in the Rothmans Medal voting, only four points behind the winner, Vince Bannon. However, Mila missed five games.

Zientara, who played for Polonia in the mid-sixties, coached Mila while he was in the Warsaw district youth team and in the Olympic squad.

Mila also had trial games for the national squad, but was beaten by Kupczek for a midfield position and by Piechaczek for the libero post. Piechaczek however, was to give way to Zmuda in the

Double to J.U.S.T. kids

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s under 16 team has added the Victorian Cup to the North-West A division championship it had won earlier.

J.U.S.T. won the Cup final against Brighton, with Eddy Vega scoring the goal from 25 metres.

The team won the league championship with 34 of 26 possible points. Goal difference was 70-16.



Doveton's all conquering under 16's. Back row: Bernie Shaw (coach), P. Mella, M. Shottle, G. Davidson, D. McLeod, J. Law, P. Crisp, S. Shaw, P. Berthelot, W. Hastings, Chris Spink (team manager). **Front row:** W. Spink, T. Hume, C. Robertson, S. Wyborn, A. Douglas.

Young Doves fly high

Doveton's under-16's completed a fine league and cup double this season by winning the State League Colts championship and the under-16 JLMC Cup.

The young Doves could make a clean sweep of honors this year when they start their quest for glory in the State League Cup on October 23. If successful they will have rewritten the record books of Victorian junior soccer.

The Doveton lads clinched the cup in a nail-biting final against Hellas-Hakoah at Dendy Park recently.

Halfway through the first half Doveton hit

the front. A long defensive clearance sent Warren Hastings through and he calmly slotted the ball past the advancing goalkeeper. However, Hellas-Hakoah levelled 10 minutes later after a rare error in the Doveton defence and scores were tied at half time.

After the break Doveton attacked relentlessly and was immediately rewarded when Andrew Douglas made it 2-1 after a determined solo run. Douglas collided with the Hellas-Hakoah but regained his feet to cleverly chip the ball into the open goal.

Warren Hastings won the Player of the Match award, a free ticket to Sunday's big clash between Victoria and New York Cosmos.

Young Nick off the U.K.

Nick van Egmond junior, 16, flew out of Melbourne on Monday for trials with English First Division club Norwich City and Watford.

The talented youngster has been a Victorian state representative at under-14, 15 and under-16 levels.

He started with Mooroolbark juniors then transferred to Mornington where he played in the seniors as a 14-year-old. At Mornington, young van Egmond linked up with his father Nick, who was player-coach. The father and son team moved to Nunawading City this year

and helped guide the club into second place in Metro Third Division and promotion to Division Two.

Former Frankston City official Del Lines arranged the Norwich Trial and State Director of Coaching, Tim White, was instrumental in arranging a trial for the promising youngster at Watford.

Young Nick left school this year and worked to save enough money for the trip.

He always has wanted to be a professional soccer player and we wish him well in his quest to break into the big time in England.

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Second win a surprise for Bannon



"I never thought I'd win another one," said Vince Bannon as he accepted the 1982 Victorian Rothmans Medal from the Premier, John Cain.

Bannon, now 30, had won the Medal with Heidelberg-Alexander in 1973 — his first State League season after arriving from Scotland. His brother Pat was to win it the following year, but God who arrived later has not been as lucky.

All three played for Juventus this season — the first time they have been in the same team together.

But Vince had stints with Hellas and Frankston as well. Pat played for Heidelberg before joining Juventus and God is in his second stint with Juventus after playing also for Frankston and George Cross.

"I've had a mixed season but it's been a good one for the club," said Vince in his victory speech.

"We came from being second-last in 1981 to finish in the top four, which is a credit to Juventus."

At Juventus, Vince has been reunited with coach Tony Boggi who also coached him at Heidelberg. In addition, Boggi and Vince Bannon both have been at Frankston, although at different times.

Vince has represented Vic-

toria three times — against Ferencvaros (2-3) in 1974, Dundee (2-1) in 1978 and Watford (0-4) this year.

He also visited Indonesia with the national under 23 team.

Asked whether he would like to return to the national league, perhaps to Hellas, Bannon said: "As you get older and more experienced, your attitude to the game changes and in my case, I'm enjoying every season more. I'm a good, clean-living boy and I'll be available for years to come. I'm only on a \$3000 maximum."

* Denotes player suspended — not eligible for award.

- 30. V. Bannon (Juv)
- 27. J. Train (Dove)
- 26. S. Mila (Pol)
- 24. P. Drincovsky (Frank)
- 23. F. Toul (Geo Cross)
- 20. * Paul Lewis (Ajax), D.

- Nixon (North)
- 19. G. Bozklas (North)
- 18. K. Murphy (Croatia)
- 17. N. Mitten (Morw)
- 16. * W. Buchanan (Frank)
- 15. A. Marshall (Pol), D. Cummings (H/H)

- 14. P. Bannon (Juv), S. McCombe (Croy), Peter Lewis (Ajax), E. Czapnik (Pol), W. Whiteside (Morw), C. Kalafatis (H/H)
- 13. B. Ferrie (Alb), H. Hird (Juv), J. Gardiner (Ajax), K. Adams (Croatia)

- 12. K. Smart (Alb), G. Haupt, J. Rooney (Croy), D. Latif (Croatia), R. McClune (Morw)
- 11. * T. Heery (Juv), S. Webster (Dove), R. Provan (North)

- 10. P. Boyle (Ajax), * S. Parton (Croatia), J. O'Callaghan, C. Smart, (Morw), J. Tront, K. Barklay, P. Gibson (Wilhel), R. Nelson (Sun), G. Hannah (H/H)
- 9. P. Corke (Dove), D. Rigby (Geo Cross), * D. Hogben (Ajax), L. Dzilekowsky (Pol), P. Blasby (Croatia), A. Van Baar (Morw), S. Wright (North)

- 8. A. McMillan, D. Lacoock, K. Lloyd (Alb), F. Incantalupo (Juv), * G. Hobson (Croy), S. Lawson C. Gilder (Geo Cr), J. Faulkner (Croatia), J. Carroll (Wilh), D. Nelson (Suns)

- 7. G. French (Croy), P. Loughnane, M. Edwards, (Croy), A. Quinn (Dove), K. Wall (Frank), * N. Lowe (Suns), N. Maitland (Geo Cross/North), * S. Rooney (H/H)

- 6. L. Murphy (Alb), M. Rainey (Croy), * G. Tuthill (Frank), B. Lakic (Pol), J. Biskic (Croatia), A. Irvine (Morw), R. Verniers (Wilh), R. Granberg (Suns), J. McRobert (Suns), L. Tsigaris (H/H), P. Abrams (H/H)

- 5. * J. Creaney, F. Munro (Alb), * I. Loughnane (Croy), C. Halford, C. Whiteside (Frank), H. McKinley (Geo Cross), L. Denys (Ajax), R. Kiparski, W. Klein (Pol), D. Brogan (Croatia), H. Bingham (Morw), * J. Luyten, K. Stewart (Wilhel), R. Bain, F. Mussel, * C. Taylor (Suns)

- 4. R. Nisbet, G. Cutler (Alb), H. Andrews, K. Middlemast, P. Thurlow (Dove), * T. Tachiris (Geo Cross), W. Vassallo (Ajax), J. Higham (Morw), S. Ellis (Suns)

- 3. M. DSylva (Alb), S. Cunningham (Juv), G. Waterhouse, G. Hulisi (Dove), C. Mitchell, P. Cooke, (Frank), P. Gambin (Geo Cross), B. Morrey (Ajax), T. Kryslinski (Pol), T. Curcio, * J. Antolovic (Croatia), D. Wilson (Morw), C. Fakos, S. Kardamitis (North), B. Thom, A. McDermott, D. Hoyland, D. Brooks (Wilhel), J. Mudrinic (Suns), B. Jordanou, J. Passkos (H/H)

- 2. S. McMillan (Alb), M. Brown (Croy), W. Spinks, S. Keogh, I. Striton (Dove), * N. Campbell (Frank), N. Kovtiski, R. Mizzi (Geo Cross), G. Wallace, G. Bennett, * G. McLeod (Ajax), D. Perkin * J. Bond (Morw), W. De Graff (Wilhel), N. Pate (Suns), * J. Wilson, T. Owen, V. Bosinovski (H/H)

- 1. G. Bannon, J. McGrory, A. Fatoma, (Juv), T. Nolan, P. Wade (Croy), L. Ivanov, M. McIvor (Dove), D. Gilbert (Frank), W. Wilkinson, D. Morgan (Geo Cross), D. Smulman, S. Cannell, J. Williams (Ajax), * J. Wallace, M. Janorski, J. Pszybyla (Pol), D. Nell (Morw), J. Sakhindis, D. Nelson, J. Setos (North), A. Contini, * G. Waters, D. Massini (Suns), * S. Kakantonis, M. Fryzer (H/H)

TWO JUNIORS KILLED, BIG BENEFIT GAME SATURDAY

Tragedy struck at Knox on Saturday night when two under 12 players were killed in a car accident.

Knox City and Albion Rovers will play each other in a benefit match for the two families at Egan Lee Reserve in Knox at 3pm on Saturday. A junior game will precede this match.

The boys killed were Knox City

player Richard Holwell, son of Gary and Nola Holwell, and Salsbury United player Barry Green, son of Roger and Marguerite Green.

Salsbury United won on a week-end's visit from Adelaide.

Knox City will travel to Adelaide in two weeks' time to play a benefit game there for the Green family.

The Victorian Soccer Federation will try to have a ball autographed by the players of the New York Cosmos

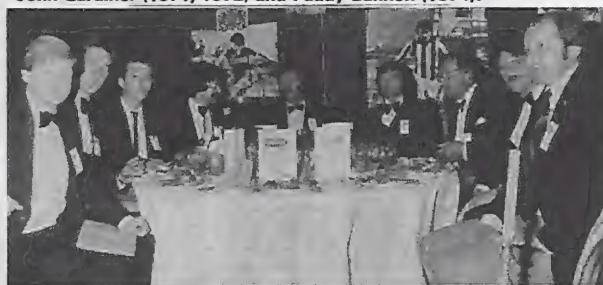
and Victoria during the week, so it can be refitted at Egan Lee Reserve on Saturday.

Dave and Rob Nelson, the two stars of Sunshine City, have offered to play as guests of Knox in the benefit match.

Knox City officials and all at "Soccer Action" extend their sympathy to both families. — LAURIE SCHWAB



A Rothmans Gold Medal group. From left: Jim Tansey (who won the award in 1976), David Baker (1975, 1977), Tommy Cumming (1978, 1979), Vince Bannon (1973, 1982), John Gardiner (1971, 1972) and Paddy Bannon (1974).



The Northcote and Polonia table. From left: Dave Nixon, Bobby Provan, George Bozklas, Stan Slazky, Wally Klein, Stefan Mile, Mr M. Zurek, Stan Klein, Kaz Kowalec.



The Juventus table. From left: Harry Hird, Fabio Incantalupo, Graham French, Brian Smith (GTV9), Rocky Di Zio, Frank Calabria, Tony Boggi, Greg Incantalupo, Gilbert Martin.



The Croatia table. From left: Duze Zemunik, Keith Adams, Kenny Murphy, Joe Sigur.

Warren's the top junior

The winner of the Weinstein Medal for the Victorian Junior Soccer Player of the Year for 1982 is Warren Spink of Doveton.

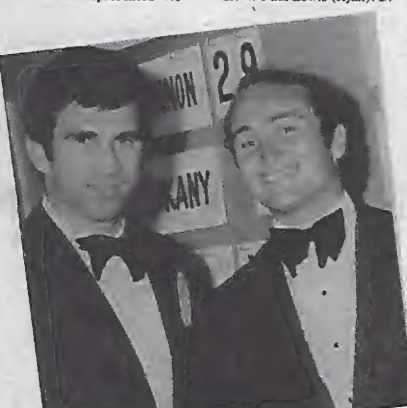
The Junior Soccer Player of the Year must have given consistent playing service to his club, showing enthusiasm, leadership and the potential to represent both state and country.

Spink was born in England and joined Doveton as an Under 12 and has been with them since.

He has represented Victoria in age groups 15 and 16. His willingness to learn will ensure that he will eventually represent Victoria and Australia at senior level.

The Weinstein Medal carries with it a scholarship of \$100.

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Flashback to the 1973 Rothmans — Runner-up Frank Milic (left) congratulates winner Vince Bannon.



Croydon's Steve McCombe (right) seems to be getting into the swing of things. Heidelberg's Jim Tansey (left) joins in the fun.



The Hellas-Hakoah table. From left: Chris Kalifatidis, George Hannah, Jim Diamntaris, Kurt Defris.

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VICTORIAN DOCKERTY CUP

INCANTALUPO TO JOIN MARCONI?

Bannons steal the show

Dowie, Train blow it

JUVENTUS 1 (French 65th) DEVOTON 1 (Dowie penalty 75th), Dockerty Cup quarter-final at Green Gully Reserve, St Albans. Juventus won on penalties 4 (V. Bannon, P. Bannon, G. Bannon, Incantalupo) to 1 (J. Train). Cautions: Cunningham, G. Bannon (Juvel).

JUVENTUS: Fantona 6 — V. Bannon 8, Donaldson 7, Hild 8 — Gennaro 8 (Romeo 88th), Cunningham 8, G. Bannon 7, Swinnea 7 — French 65, Incantalupo 8.

DEVOTON: Keogh 8 — Thirlow 7, Corke 7, Huihal 7, J. Train 8 — Irvine 6, McIvor 6, Dowie 7.5 — Splak 6, Stirling 7, Gule 6.

Devoton could have won this game had it not been for the extraordinary grit of Juventus's Bannon brothers and bad shooting by John Dowie and Jim Train.

It was ironic that Dowie and Train finally cost Devoton the match, for they are the club's most prominent players. Dowie certainly was Devoton's star in this match but Train, after having finished runner-up in the Rothmans Medal, was less conspicuous than he usually is.

Vince Bannon, the man who beat Train in the Rothmans Medal count, was brimful of confidence from the start and his first-half display deserved a 10-rating. When Pat Bannon also pulled out all stops, it often looked as if these two were the only ones playing.

Devoton was motivated mainly by Dowie in midfield, while Paul Cork, Garry Hulsi and Sean Keogh were sound at the back and Ian Stirling battled hard against Pat Bannon and Peter Donaldson.

Speculation persists that both Dowie and Stirling will play in the national league next season. They certainly have the ability.

And Fabio Incantalupo of Juventus may move to Marconi. He played in the Australian youth team last year but there's no way he would have been picked on Sunday's form.

Juventus had the first break of the game, in the fifth minute. Graham French broke through into the clear, with Incantalupo running parallel. Instead of squaring the ball, French shot from an angle and Keogh deflected the ball for a corner.

Frank Gennaro just failed to control the ball inside the area and a few moments later he was at the other end of the ground, to stop a good Devoton attack.

Vince Bannon, driving Juventus on with his tireless surges up the right flank, was unlucky to hit the crossbar with a powerful shot. It was all Juventus, aided by a fairly strong wind down the pitch.

French just missed with a header, and at the other end Dowie picked up a clearance by Pat Bannon but blasted wide of the post.

Then Pat Bannon made a timely tackle on Stirling who had got past two opponents and was preparing to shoot from close range. Vince Bannon also performed a life-saving act by heading a shot by Alan Quin off the goal line.



Devoton, from left, back row: Stan Webster, Alan Quin, Howard Andrews, Steve Irvine, Sean Keogh, Peter Thirlow, John Dowie, Lou Ivanoff, Matt Barber (assistant team manager), Brian Kay (team manager). Front row: Warren Splak, Gengiz Hulsi, Mike McIvor, Paul Corke, Jim Train, Ian Stirling. Missing: Ernie Merrick (player-coach).

Then came Juventus's goal, thanks to little midfielder Gennaro. It was his shot that was parried by Keogh, enabling French to bury the loose ball. It was 1-0 after 65 minutes.

Dowie, who a little earlier had been blocked inside the box by Vince Bannon, got his chance to equalise soon after. Unchallenged, he lined up a shot just to the right of goal, but blasted too high.

Harry Hird, getting stronger and stronger for Juventus at left back, made a great tackle on Stirling on the edge of the area. Stirling tried again a few minutes later, and the referee ruled handball as Pat Bannon stopped the shot.

Dowie scored from the penalty spot, but he was to miss one later.

Pat Bannon could have complained, but decided on more positive action. He stormed upfield immediately, intending to cancel out that penalty by scoring himself. And he almost did, sending a header against the crossbar, and almost knocking out Keogh while doing so.

With two minutes of regular time left, coach Tony Boggi replaced Gennaro with Paul Romano, in order to give Juventus an extra forward for the 20 minutes of extra time.

The second half of extra time featured a narrow miss by Steve Irvine for Juventus, and another by Romano of Juventus, meaning penalties were necessary to break the 1-1 deadlock.

The three Bannon brothers scored each of Juventus's first three shots. Dowie however hit the bar, Quin scored, and then Train shot too high, leaving the score at 3-1 on penalties as Incantalupo stepped up to take the next one. He scored as well, and it was all over. Juventus had won on penalties 4-1.

—LAURIE SCHWAB

POLONIA TO TAKE OVER ALBION?

AJAX 4 (Greechan 10th, 13th; Paul Lewis 15th; Smallman 65th) ALBION 10 (Smart 35th, A. McMillan 80th), Dockerty Cup quarter-finals at Green Gully Reserve, St Albans, crowd about 250 (double-header).

AJAX: McKenna 8, A. Peter Lewis 8, Gardiner 7, Smallman 6, Hoggins 7 — Greechan (injured 28th sub Boyle 8), Bennett 8, Cannell 6, Williams 6 — Macleod 8, Paul Lewis 7 (Dickson 88th).

ALBION: R. G. Mackenzie 8 — Cullen 7, Munro 8 (Reilly 65th), Cressy 8, Nesbitt 8 — Ferris 6, A. McMillan 8, Murphy 8 — Lloyd 8 (D'Sylva 8, 80th), Coyles 8, Smart 8.

Two sensational goals by Kit Greechan in the first 13 minutes won this game for Ajax, but also caused the Ajax players virtually to stop playing for the rest of the first half.

But the big news to come out of this game was that there have been talks between Albion and Polonia officials about the possibility of the two clubs merging. Well, it would be more a case of Polonia taking Albion over if it eventuated.

And what's to happen to John Gardiner? Both Gardiner and Frankston Pines official John Hodgson denied reports that Pines had offered Gardiner their coaching job. On the other hand, the two were spotted in deep discussion at the Rothmans Medal dinner on Friday night.

Greechan was carried off on a stretcher and taken to hospital with a deep gash in his right shin after scoring his two goals on Sunday. Both came from the same position, just wide on the right and both were curled just inside the far post with the outside of the right boot.

Four minutes after the second goal, Paul Lewis ran onto a great through ball from Jim Williams and struck another one past Danny Lacey.

That was that as far as the Ajax players were concerned. With extra effort they may have managed three more before half time, but they preferred to take a rest.

And so Ken Smart made the score 3-1 and Andy McMillan, the best player on the field, was unlucky to have a header saved by Steve McKenna, who also made a great save from Bennie Ferris.

McKenna started the second half by again saving from McMillan, before David Smallman made the score 4-1. Gus Macleod played the ball tight and shot to Paul Lewis, his shot was repelled by Lacey and Smallman was on hand to stick it in.

Frank Munro, the Albion player-coach who had been struggling in defence, replaced himself with Gerry Reilly, resulting in McMillan dropping back to defence. That however, made little difference to his attacking play and with 10 minutes to go, it was McMillan who headed home Albion's second goal from a cross.

Croydon looms as big threat to Ajax

CROYDON 3 (Nolan 54th, Wade 86th, 87th) MORWELL FALCONS 1 (T. van Baar 88th), Dockerty Cup quarter final at Olympic Park No 1 Double header. Crowd: about 500. Referee: Karlisch 8.

CROYDON: Kastner 7 — Brown 7, Denicker 7, McCombe 7, Rainey 8 — Debon 7, Wade 8, Rooney 8 — P. Loughnane 8, I. Loughnane 8, Nolan 7.

MORWELL FALCONS: W. Whiteside 8 — Smart 7, Higham 7, Irvine 6, Nell 7 — Bingham 6, O'Callaghan 8 (Parkin 88th), T. van Baar 7 — McClellan 7, Mitten 7, Bond 8.

This performance added credibility to the recent claim by Croydon coach Bill McArthur that his side could win the 1982 Dockerty Cup. Certainly, after this effort, Croydon looms as Green Gully Ajax's biggest threat.

There was little between these sides during the first half.

The best first half chances fell to Morwell striker Noel Mitten and Croydon striker Ian Loughnane.

Mitten almost gave Falcons the lead in the 27th minute when he spun around, about six metres out, and hammered a first time volley just inches over.

At the other end of the park Croydon looked to have gone 1-0 up in the 28th minute. With Bill Whiteside well out of goal, Ian Loughnane struck the ball

low from just inside Falcons area, sending it into the far corner but brother Peter was offside.

Ian Loughnane showed off his fine close control to good effect about 10 minutes later. Mike Rainey to Jim Rooney to Ian Loughnane inside the area was a good, direct, inter-passing move. Ian Loughnane neatly sidestepped a defender and shot well but Whiteside hit the situation well, coming off his line to narrow the angles and he parried clear for a corner.

Falcons almost hit the front just two minutes into the second half. A free kick awarded on the left wing after Tony van Baar was felled, was ineffectively cleared by the Croydon defence. Harry Bingham shot was Croydon goalkeeper Lou Kastner blocked the ball just a metre off his goaline and recovered quickly to pounce on the rebound.

Whiteside had to pull off a good one handed save in the 50th minute — from Terry Nolan's shot but four minutes later Whiteside didn't even have time to blink as Nolan buried a 25 metre pilderiver in the top near corner of the Falcons' goal.

Falcons' best interpassing move of the match came in the 58th minute. It involved Mitten, John O'Callaghan, Richie McClellan and John Bond but just as Bingham prepared to shoot in nipped Steve McCombe to toe poke clear.

A few minutes later Mike Rainey was dispossessed by John Higham who passed to Bingham on the right, near the half way line. Bingham sent Bond down the wing and his cross was headed fractionally over by Mitten.

Falcons' hopes plummeted in a devastating two minute spell late in the game. The Latrobe Valley pushed Sandy Irvine into midfield in the last 20 minutes and left a three v three situation at the back. Falcons paid dearly for their decision.

Ian Loughnane, on the right side of the area in the 88th minute, cut the ball to Paul Wade who hammered it hard and low inside the near post.

A minute later Whiteside appeared to duck as a corner came over and the incoming Wade easily headed into the unguarded goal.

A minute later Tony van Baar's deflected shot sent the ball looping over the head of

Lou Kastner and into the top far corner to make it 3-1 but by then Croydon was well on top.

So that's the end of a great season for Morwell Falcons, their first in State League.

Amid all the rumors about Bobby McLachlan replacing Dave O'Connor as coach of Morwell let's not forget what a tremendous job O'Connor has done. In fact, if these rumors prove true, O'Connor has every right to feel hard done by.

What do coaches have to do nowadays? O'Connor has taken a team which narrowly escaped relegation in First Division last year, to fourth spot in State League, beaten finalist in the State League Cup and Dockerty Cup quarter finals.

And after Juventus hammered Morwell in a pre-season friendly, survival was all that was uppermost in the minds of Morwell officials.

If Dave O'Connor doesn't get re-appointed he can walk away from Morwell Falcons with his head held high. And I've got no doubts that he will be snapped up by another good club.

Falcons have a good image. Not only within press circles but also within player and coaching circles. It has to be said however that that image will be tarnished if O'Connor gets the boot.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

Venios, Wallace the stars

CROATIA 2 (Brogan, 34, 65th) FRANKSTON CITY 0 Dockerty Cup quarter final at Olympic Park No. 1. Double header. Crowd: about 500. Referee: Venios 4.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 7, Parton 7, Adams 7, Desnikovic 7 — Biskic 8, Fiedler 7, Murphy 6, Golevic 7 — Brogan 7 (in). Bathnovic 80th, Luff 8 (Antolovic H.T. 6).

FRANKSTON CITY: Peterson 7 — Pye 7, Stewart 8, Drincovsky 7, Mitchell 8 — D. Whiteside 8, Golby 7, P. O'Connor 8 — Reader 8, Wall 7, Parker 8 (Wallace 70th).

Referee Evan Venios and Frankston City substitute Geoff Wallace stole the show. Well, what little show there was.

Venios booked Croatia striker Dave Brogan in the 19th minute. Brogan broke through,



Three of the men behind Holland Park's success. Goalscorer ace Celal Ihan (left) club manager Abdullah Saglam (centre) and star goalkeeper Ali Kotan.

Rosanna next victim of Holland Park?

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINAL

HOLLAND PARK 1 (Ihan 76th) ROSANNA 0 at Green Gully Reserve.

HOLLAND PARK: Kotan 9, Orsagovic 7, Sir 7, Gennari 8, Kaprol 8, Yahya 7, Gennari 8, Solak 8, Ihan 8, Mirak 8 (in). Kshik H.T. 8). Savino 8.

Holland Park, Fourth Division champion, continued its amazing cup run with this win which clinched a place in Saturday's final against First Division champion Rosanna.

Turkish-sponsored Holland Park has reached the final of the 1982 Provisional League Cup without conceding a goal.

Green Gully Ajax has shown interest in signing star Holland Park goalkeeper Ali Kotan while ace striker Celal Ihan almost signed with Plonia at the start of the year.

The final between Holland Park and Rosanna will be held at Waverley City's ground, Sixth Avenue, Burwood on Saturday, starting at 3.15 pm Rosanna trounced Brunswick City 5-1 in the other semi-final at Green Gully on Saturday.

This weekend's final will be preceded by the final of the Provisional League Reserve Cup, between Hawthorn and Mossfield Rangers. That match kicks off at 1.30 pm.

Box Hill v Dandenong

Box Hill and Dandenong City will clash in the final of the 1982 Metropolitan League Cup this Saturday at Quambie Reserve, Wonga Road, North Ringwood, kick-off 3.15 pm.

The curtain raiser is a clash between the champion of the Bendigo League and the champion of the Melbourne Amateur League, which kicks off at 1.30 pm.

Box Hill beat Frankston Pines 1-0 to reach the final while Dandenong stopped the fine run of Fourth Division club South Oakleigh, beating the Greek sponsored club 1-0 in the other semi-final.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

Venios, Wallace the stars

was ruled offside, and slammed the ball into goal. Out came a yellow card from referee Venios' pocket.

Two minutes later Ossie Latif broke through. He was given offside and, like Brogan, slammed the ball into goal. No yellow card appeared.

In the 58th minute Josip Biskic played a one-two with Kenny Murphy but was ruled offside. Players close to Biskic stopped. Biskic didn't. He slammed the ball into the Frankston goal. No yellow card appeared.

In the 63rd minute, Sean Parton, in full view of the pitifully small crowd, handled inside the Croatia area. Referee Venios was standing 10 metres away. No penalty was given.

Wallace, the Frankston substitute, didn't appear keen to

go on. Frankston official John Sewth said the touchline for about five minutes trying to attract referee Venios' attention during the second half.

When play stopped, Venios indicated to Smith that the Frankston official could now make the change. Off came Martin Parkes but where was the substitute? We all waited with baited breath for a head to appear from out of the Frankston dug out. Nothing happened. Smith still was standing on the touchline. Parkes had disappeared into the dug out. After about a three minute delay Wallace appeared. Maybe his apparent reluctance was good judgement. His job was to mark Dave Brogan. Nonetheless, with Paul Drincovsky charging for Frank Rob Stewart switched into attack, the balding Wallace found himself playing as sweeper which prompted Bill Buchanan to quip in the dressing room after the match.

"Who cares if we got beat boys, at least we've found a sweeper."

Frankston never expected to win this game. But it was the victor, Croatia, which emerged with most demerits at the end of the match.

If Croatia is serious about winning the 1982 Dockerty Cup it will have to improve tenfold on this dreadful display.

Brogan bagged both of Croatia's goals. He opened his account in the 34th minute after a Latif shot had been parried by Frank Rob Stewart. The ball fell to Brogan who slammed it into the open goal.

The sealer came in the 65th minute. Tony Curcio cut the ball back from the right side of the area and the unmarked Brogan tapped it in from four metres.



Ajax officials carry off injured midfielder Kit Greechan at Green



Ace Devoton striker Ian Stirling. Juventus midfielder Stuart Cunningham

Kovacic wins it, double for Croatia



Sydney Croatia, from left, standing: J. Kuze (coach), B. Vidic (capt), D. Galic, T. Basic, G. Sterrey, K. Coleman, S. Watson, I. Barker, M. Kovacic, P. Hensman, R. Carrizo, V. Rezo (team manager), Dr K. Bosnic. Front: D. Tomasich, B. Woods, D. Rezo, J. Coyne, S. Dukic, L. Sterrey, W. Savor.

CROATIA 2 (Hensman, Kovacic) SUTHERLAND 1 (Schumann), NSW State League Grand Final at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 7137. Referee: Tim Davies.

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasich, Basic, Coleman, Vidic, Rezo, Savor, Kovacic, Carrizo (Galic 46th), Hensman, Drago Galic replaced Carrizo in the 46th minute.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Cashman, Watkins, Dal Forno, Schumann, Clinch, Meades, Webster, Bush, Grooms (W. Rogers 86th), Harrington (C. Rogers 72nd).

Croatia took the double, winning the League title as well as the Grand Final for 1982. Both titles came the hard way, with the League title going Croatia's way on goal difference while its Grand Final victory came after a hard fought encounter at the Sports Ground.

Just like the last time these two sides met in the Grand Final, in 1978, it was a very close tussle, with honors going Croatia's way after Marian Kovacic broke the deadlock with 20 minutes remaining.

It was a fitting reward for the youngster who was one of the best players on the park. He got up to meet a cross from Brett Woods and headed it over Mal Haynes into the net.

The last 20 minutes must have felt like 20 years for the large contingent of Croatia fans at the Sports Ground, as Sutherland tried in vain to get an equaliser. With four minutes remaining it looked as if Sutherland might take the game into extra time as a floating cross from Steve Meades found an unmarked Brandt Cashman at the far post. However, Cashman's header went wide while Steve Watson proceeded to lecture his defence on one of its rare mistakes.

In fact, this game typified Croatia's superiority in State League this year. With Watson

larger than life in goal and superb defenders in Woods, Tomasich and Vidic, Croatia was hard to penetrate.

Sutherland attacked from the start and with the wind at its back looked menacing. After just two minutes it was Vic Dal Forno who started a move inside his own half, then via Tony Bush and Jimmy Webster almost got Sutherland in front. In the end it took a great save by Watson to stop Sutherland.

After six minutes it looked like curtains for the champion as Sutherland moved the ball across the park. In the end Greg Watkins managed to create space on the left flank before cutting the ball back into the middle for Tony Bush, but the Sutherland marksman was too eager to hit the ball early and shot over the bar.

Croatia's first real attack produced its first goal. Drago Rezo managed to create space on the right flank before pushing the ball across the park to Carrizo, who in turn touched it on for Hensman and Mal Haynes was beaten.

Wally Savor almost made it 2-0 with a tremendous drive from well outside the box, but the big man in Sutherland's goal was equal to the task.

Sutherland came back and almost snatched an equaliser after Mark Harrington latched onto a lob into the goalmouth to volley just over the bar from some six metres. Vic Dal Forno's free kick in the 36th minute was well saved by Watson, then seconds later Peter Hensman failed to control the ball after a good through pass by Coleman with Haynes badly exposed.

After the break few would have given Sutherland a chance against a very strong win, but after an initial five minute attack Croatia seemed to have decided to take a breather and paid dearly.

A corner kick by Greg Watkins came over low from the right and a neat little touch

By
ALEX VASIC

by Schumann saw the ball fly over the line. Brett Woods made a great effort to stop it but his clearing kick came too late and the referee, Tim Davies, who was close to the action, had no hesitation in awarding a goal that made it 1-1 with 35 minutes to go, almost a perfect scenario for a heart-stopping finish, and despite difficult conditions the two sides performed brilliantly to entertain this fairly good crowd till the last minute.

Wally Savor hit the post following a good move by Brett Woods in the 59th minute, then came the winning goal by Kovacic.

So Croatia collects another trophy. Sutherland became the gracious loser. It was a bitter pill to swallow but few teams lose with grace such as that displayed by Sutherland. Not a single foul was noted throughout the Grand Final which warranted no more than a mere caution on the run by Tim Davies, despite the difficult conditions created by almost constant rain.

Both sides displayed skill and tenacity worthy of Grand Final contenders and it's hard to find a player who did not perform well on the day. Without going into detail on the errors and rare blunders by some unlucky players let's look at those I felt performed best in this game.

MARIAN KOVACIC: "What a prospect," said "Uncle" Joe Vlasits, after the match, in obvious reference to the brilliance of this player.

He was in attack one moment, in defence another, then scheming moves with maturity of a seasoned professional. He was everywhere, including the moment when Woods crossed the ball into the area, for Kovacic to head home the winner.

BRETT WOODS: This exciting youngster is the dynamo of the side (Croatian supporters prefer Dinamo). His defence is sound and uncompromising, while his overlapping runs are a delight to watch. What on earth does this youngster have to do to impress the national team selectors?

STEVE WATSON: made short work of everything that was thrown at him and earned praise from Joe Vlasits also. "If nothing else he is certainly the best keeper in NSW," said "Uncle" Joe.

TOM BASIC: after a long lay-off looked in great touch, while Bruno Vidic was a steady influence at the back. Wally Savor, Drago Rezo and Drago Tomasich has purple patches with Rezo doing most of the work in defensive situations.

RAUL CARRIZO: had some nice touches but too little to overcome Sutherland's

Second Grade grand final:
SUTHERLAND v MELITA EAGLES pen 6-5 (1-1, 1-1).

Scorers: Wayne Farnsworth (ME), Bruce Johnstone pen (S).

SUTHERLAND: Richard Davies, Graham Donnelly, Wayne Cox, Glen Foster, Brett Nelson, Bruce Johnstone, Craig Rogers (Peter Bagge 46, sent off 78'), Phil McInnes, Warren Rogers, Tony Murphy, Kevin Cooper.

MELITA EAGLES: Steve Lufford, Jack Cabona, Mark Callanan, Michael Brown (Warren Smith 86'), Michael Fogerty, David Rodgers, Scott Thompson, Wayne Farnsworth, Raymond Muscat (Jim Meerban 86'), Len Vial, Trevor Ormrod.

In a closely-fought second grade grand final, reminiscent of the match the two sides played two weeks ago, Sutherland reversed the decision by winning on penalty kicks, after extra time could not break the deadlock.

Two weeks ago it was Melita Eagles which proved the better side only by virtue of taking penalty kicks with greater proficiency. However, on Sunday it was a different story.

After Wayne Farnsworth had put the Eagles ahead early in the game, Bruce Johnstone equalised from the penalty spot. The game was fought in the middle of the park with few creative moves and scoring chances.

Len Vial had the best of opportunities, missing from five metres early in the second half, while Melita's post was rattled at the other end.

After extra time had proved fruitless, penalties were taken, with Melita taking his first kick. David Rodgers was given the task of kicking first and he missed. The rest of the shots found the net to give Sutherland its 6-5 win.

Here is the order of penalties taken:

Rodgers miss, Cooper 1-0, Meerban 1-1, Johnstone 2-1, Farnsworth 2-2, Murphy 3-2, Fogerty 3-3, Hargrave 4-3, Vial 4-4 and the last and winning kick for Sutherland by Warren Rogers to make it 5-4 and 6-5 overall.

Third Grade grand final:

MELITA EAGLES — BLACKTOWN 1-0

Scorer: Anthony Lewis

MELITA EAGLES: David Rosta, Craig Williams, David Henry, John Grogan, Mark Hunt, Sirol Serbaas, Andrew Callanan, Mark Bonnici, Anthony Lewis, Leo Pucar, Glen Ross. **BLACKTOWN CITY:** Frank Gobul, Peter Whelan, Ian Shaw, David Prusa, Terry Hanson, Glen Davis, Brett Thornwaite, David Falzon, Randall Easthorpe, Robert Turch, George Kapo-Ha.

Melita Eagles denied the Demons the trophy, which they had looked like taking. Two weeks ago the two sides met in the major semi-final and Blacktown demolished Melita 4-0.

Alas, it was different story last Sunday as the young Eagles came out fighting to outstay the Demons and take the third grade Grand Final by the slenderest of margins.

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Rapid's State title

Rapid-West Point added the Tasmanian State championship to its list of honors when it beat Devonport 2-4 at South Hobart. The first leg, played in Devonport, ended in a 1-1 draw.

Coach Eamonn Kelly caused something of a sensation when he dropped key players Steve Craven and John Charlton just before match-time for arriving late. Phil Kannegiesser took Craven's place in goal while Kelly himself replaced Charlton at the back. Steven Kannegiesser put Rapid ahead with a delicate lob after 15 minutes and Oakes made it 2-0 in the 34th minute when he headed in Crosson's free kick.

Devonport must be considered unlucky not to have snatched a draw in the second half. Abley had his penalty saved by Phil Kannegiesser and later in the half Devonport had the ball over the line but the referee waved play on.

In the replay of the Ampol Cup Final, Ulverstone, playing at home, beat Juventus-Pioneer 3-2 on penalties after the game was deadlocked at 0-0 after extra-time.

Goalkeeper, Rob Smith, Nigel Sugden and Les Jones scored for Ulverstone while Kent and Lapolla scored for Juventus.

In a friendly match at North Chigwell on Sunday, State League side Metro-Clarendon beat the visiting Melbourne team, Altona Gate 3-1. Metro led 1-0 at the break through a goal by Fone. Sevovski equalised for Altona before Ian Parker and John McIntyre scored in the 78th and 79th minutes to clinch victory for the home side.

WOODDIN HITS AT THE DOC

Now domiciled in Auckland, Steve Wooddin places the blame squarely on the shoulders of Tommy Docherty for his failure to settle with South Melbourne Hellas.

Wooddin claims:
• Twice Docherty assured him he would be playing in games, only to omit him from the team. On the second occasion Wooddin had flown back from Dunedin, where he was attempting to sell his house.
• He had been told that Hellas would pay the airfares of his family from Dunedin to Melbourne. The money did not materialise.
• Although Docherty stated Wooddin would play in his favourite wing position, he was instead given an unaccustomed midfield role.

Wooddin added he was not the only Hellas player to be mistreated by the volatile Scot: "Alun Evans was told, in front of the entire team, that he was no longer required and Docherty appeared to hold grudges against both Jim Shirra and John Stevenson."

The New Zealand International said he believed Docherty would have been happy to be given a golden handshake and then return to Sydney Olympic.

Laying the complete blame for his Melbourne misadventure on Docherty's door would seem a little strange, as Wooddin staged his first walk-out on Hellas two months before the famous manager became involved with the club.

There appears little doubt however that Docherty did little to heal the rift between Hellas and its expensive acquisition - a talented, but moody player who was handicapped by a family problem.

Wooddin confirmed he would not be returning to Australia.

He is under contract to Hellas until 1984 and expects the club to strike a transfer fee of between \$15,000 and \$30,000, although Belgian club Beerschot was reputed to be considering about \$100,000 only a couple of months ago.

It is unlikely that any New Zealand club would be in a position to consider sums such as this, so Wooddin may have to sit out the entire 1983 season.



Steve Wooddin (right) is left behind by opponent David Ratcliffe.

Grant Turner axed in NZ

Grant Turner, who was discarded by South Melbourne Hellas at the start of the season, has suffered the same fate with the club he subsequently joined - Gisborne City.

City coach Kevin Fallon said he was unwilling to tolerate Turner's lethargic attitude any further, but the New Zealand World Cup star blames a series of injuries for his recent lack of commitment. This blow was the latest in a year which has been nothing but a catalogue of disasters for the midfielder.

Since leaving Melbourne under a cloud, Turner has suffered severe concussion in a league game, missed the World Cup finals after twisting an ankle during a warm-up fix-

ture, was accused by New Zealand coach Ashhead of feigning injury towards the end of last year's defeat by Kuwait, served a four-week suspension after his sending-off for a serious misdemeanor and finally received marching orders from Fallon.

Three clubs are reported to be eager to sign the enigmatic linkman for next season. By the law of averages, he is due for a truly momentous 1983!

— PAUL MOON

Buffalo Sports junior star

Con Xenos (pictured) of East Richmond Jaguars is our Buffalo Sports Junior of the week.

Con, aged 10, of Cameron Street, Richmond, who plays centre half is left-footed but uses his right as well and has been playing soccer for three years.

Recently he has taken part in the under 11 group team.

He is a very fast runner, and has a powerful kick.

Con will collect his Buffalo bag from Branko's Sports, 328 Smith Street, Collingwood.



The George Cross under-12 side which was unbeaten in league games and won the Northern Region Combined League championship. Back row: Tony Sciorino (manager), V. Munaf, J. Colanelli, J. Farrugia, P. Colanelli, G. Karkatsis, G. Alevizis, C. Munaf, J. Pisan. Front row: R. Sciorino, K. Malla, S. Bonavia, C. Thak, F. Scari, S. Magro, M. Cittadini, John Colanelli (coach).

Hat-trick heroes

From now on all applications for hat-trick diplomas in "Soccer Action" must be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope, at least 12 inches long by 10 inches wide (31 centimetres by 21 centimetres).

The "Soccer Action" hat-trick diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup, interstate, or official school match. Friendly games do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of the game.

Cup finals

Results of the Victorian JLMC Cup Finals:

Under-11: Nunawading City A4 Ferntree Gully A 2 after extra time.

Under-12: Lalor United v Melbourne Croatia to be played as curtain raiser to Victoria v New York Cosmos.

Under-13: Sunshine City 4 Brighton 3 AET.

Under-14: Melbourne Croatia A 2 Thomastown 1 AET.

Under-15: Fawkner 1 Port Melbourne 0.

Under-16: Doveton 2 Hellas-Hakoah 1.

TA NEA TON OMAΔON MAΣ ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΔΑΤΙΚΗ ΗΤΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΟΥΔΑΚ ΣΤΟ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ

Απομεινότερη τή 'Ωλη από τή Μετροπόλιν ταν κάπ από τή όχι καλότερό του Νάυτε-νογκ Σίτυ και έχασε τήν εθνικαία νά παί-ζει στόν τελικό.

Η ελληνική μας ομάδα δέχθηκε τή μοναχί-κή τέμρα τής συνάντησης στό 88' μετά- από σφάλμα τριών άμυντικών τής παίκτων-ποδ άδράνησαν και άδραση τόν αντιπαλό-τους νά σημειώσει εύκολα γκολ.

Τό 'Ωλη ξεκίνησε μουνδισαμένα με λά-θος μαλλιές που ήταν οι περισσότερες φηλές, δεν μπόρεσε νά άπειλήσει τους άντι-παλούς του που δέν έδειχναν νά μπορούν νά κτυπήσουν τήν ελληνική μας ομάδα.

Μόνον μία φορά έφτασε στό Α' μέρος κοντά-στήν εστία του Νάυτενογκ ένός οί κινηγοί-τής ζώνης ομάδας έκαναν δύο άξιόλογες προσπάθειες.

Στό Β' μέρος τή 'Ωλη παρά τή ότι είχε-κόντρα τόν άέρα, πέρασε στήν έπίθεση και φάνηκε ότι δά κέρδιζε εύκολα.

Τελικά δέχθηκε τή γκολ μέ τήν λήξη τής συνάντησης, κάτι που δέν τής έδωσε περι-θώρια γιά νά προσπαθήσει στήν συνέχεια.

Τό ότι δέν άγωνίστηκε δ Στερνίου ήταν ζημιά γιά τή κυανόλευκο σωματείο (είχε συμπληρώσει 12 βαθμούς).

Επίσης ο νεαρός και ταλαντοχός Κιάκος έπρεπε νά είχε παίξει από τήν αρχή γιατί φάνηκε ότι από τήν άρα που μπήκε τή παί-γνί στο κέντρο άλλαξε μέ τήν διαφορά-πώς η άλλαγή δέν έπρεπε νά γίνει στόν-καλύτερο μέχρι τότε Γιάργο Καμυλάκη.

Είχε άλλους παίκτες που ύστερούσαν και μάλιστα άπέφευγαν νά βάλουν τή πόδια-τους στή φωτιά χάνοντας πολλές μονομα-χίες.

Γενικά η ήττα τού 'Ωλη ήταν 'άδικη και λήπθηκε πολλούς φιλάθλους περισσότερο γιά-τί δέχθηκε τή γκολ στό 88' τής συνάντη-σης.

Από τήν ομάδα στήν άμυνα καλύτερος ήταν δ Λουκάς ένός δ Πέτρον δέν φέρει εύθνη-γιά τή γκολ που δέχθηκε.

Στόχος μέσους δ Καμυλάκης ήταν δ πιό-σωστός και δ Κιάκος άλλαξε τή παγνίβι.

Όλοι οι άλλοι ήταν μέτριοι με καλές-στιγμές και καλές.

Έπαιξαν οι Πέτρον, Λουκάς, Στοιγιάννου, Κριβάρης, Μπατικιτόνι, Καμυλάκης (46' Κια-κος), Τοιάκος, Νταντάλια, Πανασιός, Τζι-τζής και Κοντοκόστας.

ΤΟ ΚΩΔΗΜΟΝ ΚΟΡΕΪ

Τόν έτήσιο χορό του δίνει τή Κάλφλυτ τή-Σάββατο 16 τού 'Οκτώβρη και στό 'Χάλ τής Κοινότητας τού 'Ωλη.

Κατά τήν διάρκεια τής βραδιάς δά δοθούν και τά άναμνηστικά έπαθλα στός παίκτες-και τόν προπονητή τής Εβίγγο οι όποιοι-έχια κέρδισαν τή πρωτάθλημα τής Α' κατη-γορίας τού Μετροπόλιν άήην.

Γιά περισσότερες πληροφορίες τηλεφωνή-σατε στόν Γραμματέα τού συλλόγου κ. Ζαφει-ρόπουλο στό 569 8226.

Ο ΔΗΜΗΤΡΙΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΞΑΣ ΔΙΑΚΡΙΘΗΚΕ

Ο φιλότιμος σεντερ Μπάκι τής Δόξας Γιά-ράβιλ φρεντ άνημπτου συνκέντρωσε 15 βαθ-μούς από τους διατιθέτες στό πρωτάθλημα-τής Β' τού Προβίλινουαλ και ήλθε τρίτος-στόν τελικό πύναα.

Τήν 1η θέση κέρδισε δ Τοπαλιός με 26-βαθμούς από τήν Κλαρίντι.

Έπίσης δ Πήτερσον από τήν Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ με-μεγάλη διαφορά (39 βαθμοί) ήλθε πρώτος-στήν Γ' κατηγορία τού Μετροπόλιν.

Ο ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

Τό Σάββατο 16 τού 'Οκτώβρη 1982 χορεύει

και δ πρωταθλήτης Πέλοπας στό πολυτελές-Χάλ τού Κάμπεργουέλ.

Κατά τήν διάρκεια τής βραδιάς δά δοθούν-και τά άναμνηστικά έπαθλα στός παίκτες-τού συλλόγου και στόν προπονητή Γιάνην-Κουρεβέλη.

Οι φίλοι τού Πέλοπα μπορούν νά προημεν-τούν τή είσιτήρια τους από τά μέλη τού-Δ. Συμβουλίου.

ΣΤΟ ΡΩΜΑΝΟ ΟΙ ΒΑΡΝΕΣ ΔΕΝ 'ΕΧΟΥΝ

Γιά μία χρονιά άκόμη φάνηκε καθαρά ότι-τό ελληνικό στοιχείο δέν φουράει στό-περιβάλλον 'Εβόμας Νέταλ' και προτιμήθηκε-δ Βίνος Μπένουον τού όπολου δέν άμφοισή-το με τήν άζια αλλά μάς φαίνεται παράξενο-πώς τόσα χρόνια δέν έχει κερδίσει τή έπα-θλο κάποιος παίκτης που νά μην είναι ό-τε Βγγλέζος ότε Σωταζός.

Μά κανέναν από όλους αυτούς τους παίκτες-που παίζουν στό Στέητ Άήην δέν άξίζει; ή-σέτος τή έλληνοπούλα Βοζήκης και Καλαρα-τίδης έπιασαν τήν 8η θέση δ πρώτος με 19-βαθμούς και τήν 14η θέση δ δεύτερος με-14 βαθμούς.

Άς ελπίσουμε ότι κάποια χρονιά δά δοώ-με νά βραβευθεί και κανένας παίκτης κά-ποιας άλλης έθνικότητας.

Ο ΕΤΗΣΙΟΣ ΧΟΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΔΟΞΑΣ ΓΙΑΡΑΒΙΛ

Ό έτήσιος χορός τής πρωταθλήτριας ΔΟΞΑΣ-Γιάραβιλ δά γίνει τή Χριστούγεννα και-οι φίλοι τού συλλόγου μπορούν νά πάρουν-τή είσιτήρια τους από τά μέλη τού σωμα-τείου.

Γιά περισσότερες πληροφορίες τηλεφωνή-σατε στόν πρόεδρο κ. Τζιμή Άμανατίδη.

Εχετινά με τήν προετοιμασία τής πρωταθ-λήτριας Δόξας γιά τήν νέα σεζόν δ κ. Λα-νατίδης μάς είπε: "δά έλθω φυσικά και με-τό όπλοστο Δ. Συμβούλιο γιά τή θέα αύτό-και με τόν τεχνικό μου αλλά δέν δά σύμμε-τάχομε σε καλοκαιρινό τουρνουά."

Η προετοιμασία μας δά γίνει στό γηπέδ-μα με πολλούς φιλικούς άγώνες οι όποιοι-δά μάς άποφέρουν και οικονομικό κέρδος.

Στό κάτω - κάτω ποτέ δέν οφειλόμεθα οι-κοινωνικά από τέτοιες διοργανώσεις στό-παρελθόν."

Άς σημειωθεί ότι στό τουρνουά τού Μορντι-άλοκ που μετείχε η Δόξα κέρδισε τή έπαθ-λο στίς άρχές τής σεζόν από μία έλλη.

Βασικά η πρωταθλήτρια τού Γιάραβιλ δά-έχει και πάλι όλα τά στελέχη τής που κερ-δισε εύκολα τόν τίτλο.

Μάθετε όμως ότι δά ένισχυθεί με ένα καλό-έπιθετικό παίκτη.

ΒΑ ΙΑΡΑΒΙΛΙΝΟΥΝ ΕΤΗΣ ΟΜΑΔΕ ΤΟΥ

Εχετινά με τους προπονητές τών μικρών-μας σωματείων μάθετε ότι σε τέσσερις-από αυτές δά παραμένουν οι ίδιοι άφός-μάλιστα στήν σεζόν που έληξε πήραν όλοι-τους άριστα.

Συγκεκριμένα άνοησαμε ότι στό Κάλφλυτ-γιά μία άκόμη χρονιά δά είναι δ Τίχης-Εβίγγος που τήν άνέβειζε πρωταθλήτρια-στήν Α' τού Μετροπόλιν.

Έπίσης δ Μάκος Κήλιος που από τόν Α' γ'ο-ρο τού πρωταθλήματος είχε έλασφαλίσει-τόν τίτλο στήν Δόξα Γιάραβιλ δά είναι-και πάλι ο τεχνικός όδηγός τής.

Τέλος δ Γιάνην Κουρεβέλης που άνέβειζε-πρωταθλήτ τόν Πέλοπα πιστεύεται νά εί-ναι και στήν νέα περίοδο στό πόστο του.

Ένας άκόμη που πέτυχε ήταν δ Τίχης Μαν-ταρίνης τής Κλαρίντι που μάλλον δά πα-ραμένει στόν σύλλογο τού Κλάύτον.

Jugoslavenska Scena

COSMOS U MELBURNU
Gostovanje Cosmosa iz Nju-jorka krunisace jednu napornu fudbalsku sezonu, koja je bila u senci svetovskog prvenstva u Spaniji. Izvanredna prilika da vidimo koliko je nas fudbal napredovao i koliko je popularan u nasjoj zemlji. Ako bude manje od 20 hiljada gledalaca na Olympic Parku, gostovanje Cosmosa bice finansijski i moralni neuspeh. Sastav Cosmosa dovoljna je garancija za uspeh, iako je privredna kriza najteze pogodila ljubitelje fudbala.

DOCKERY I LUBET

U polufinalu Dockeryi Kospi plasirali su se u finalu, osim Croydon City-a, koji je necekivano pobedio Falconsa. Po svojoj prilici i finalu cemo videti Ajaksia i Croyntija, ali se tekno predvideti konacnog pobednika.

IZ PLAGOV TABORA

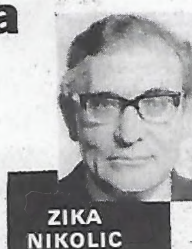
Zahvaljujuci vrednim članovima, kao sto su Peja Vukadinovic, Zoran Bogdanovic, Rade Vekic, Miroslav Bl-bovic i drugi, JUST-ovo igraliste bice za novu sezonu. Sve snage bice ulozene da se osposobi pomocno igraliste, gde ce se trenirati i igraji prijateljske utakmice.

PLAVI SAMPIONI

Prošle nedelje je održan juniorski turnir granih prvakova svit, godista. Najzanimljivije bio finalni susret ispod 16 godina. JUST je zasluženno pobedio Brightona sa 1:0 (0:0), sto mu je donelo naslov Sampion samiona za 1982

godinu. Prvo poluvremje je pripalo Brightonu, koji je imao vise od igre, ali je JUST imao zrelije sance. Posle odmora JUST je bolji u svakom pogledu. Nekoliko opasnih udaraca odbranio je golman Brightona, ali je bio nemocan u 81. minuta. Edi Vega je majstorski izveo slobodan udarac sa 25 metara izkosa. Lopta se neodbranljivo korpacila u mrezi, posto je ocesala preku sa unutrašnje strane. U trenutku najveće nadmoćnosti PLAVI-VIH, Brighton je izveo protivnapad, koji je zauzavio ostrim startom Radovan Bar-jaktarevic. Sudija je pokazao na belu tacnu, a Barjaktare-avic crveni karton, sto je bila prestruga odnaka. Brighton je promasio jedanaesterac, ali je do kraja utakmice imao grana-vise sto nije umeo da iskoristi, iako je sudija produzio utakmicu citavih 6 minuta. Svirao je kraj dve sekunde ranije od drugog gola Edi Veye, koji je bio lepsi od prvog, ali nije priz-nat.

JUST je igrao u sledecem sastavu: Peter Hrehoresin,



ZIKA NIKOLIC

tarevic, Edi Krt, Radovan Barjaktarevic, Milan Zec, Mito Sandovan, Zoran Pasovs-ki, Julime Fernandez, Roman Filipovic, Edi Vega. Tesko je izdvojiti najboljeg igraca.

Ipak, ponu pohvalu zaslu-zuju Edi Krt, Edi Vega i Ljubo Barjaktarevic.

Do kraja godine JUST-ovi juniori ce trenirati redovno je-danput nedeljno, da bi se pripremili za gostovanje u Adelaidi krajem meseca no-



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